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Howard and Lewis under pressure as Prison Service admits Parkhurst security lapses

Jail failed to act on master key warning

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

LOCKS throughout Parkhurst top-security prison on the Isle of Wight were changed yesterday after three dangerous prisoners escaped using a copy of a master key. Hundreds of police were continuing a hunt for the men last night, as the Prison Service admitted that the breakout had occurred because of lapses in security procedures.

As the Isle of Wight was sealed off last night, Devon and Cornwall Police were protecting everyone connected with the prosecution of the murderer Keith Rose, one of the escapers, after fears that he had a hit-list of people against whom he wanted revenge.

Prison officers claimed last night that John Marriott, the Parkhurst governor, was told two days ago that officers believed prisoners had a copy of the master key and that a warder's uniform was missing. Terry McLaren, of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "We found it extraordinary that direct action was not taken."

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Derek Lewis, the Director-General of the Prison Service, were told three months ago by Judge Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, that there were "serious security defects" at the jail, which holds 216 high-risk prisoners. Despite those warnings, the three men were able to obtain tools from a toolshed and had built a home-made ladder.

The escape led to increased criticism of the Prison Service and renewed demands for the resignations of Mr Lewis and Mr Howard. Neither has any intention of quitting. Having ordered a full review of security at the jail, Mr Howard said yesterday: "The Prison Service has issued a statement that says it is likely that basic security procedures were not followed. If that is the case, then action must be taken to determine precisely who was responsible for what."

He said: "We are absolutely determined to leave no stone unturned in finding out what happened and to put it right, but at the moment we don't know for certain exactly what was the cause of this dreadful, dreadful escape."

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, told Mr Howard that his job was on the line, but stopped short of demanding his resignation. He recognises that if Labour gain power he could find himself in a similar position. He said: "How [Mr Howard] responds to this latest set of events will determine whether he can with any authority remain in office. There is now a large question about what confidence he has from his own parliamentary and ministerial colleagues."

Police gave a warning to the public not to approach the three escapers, who were all serving life sentences. Matthew Williams, 25, was jailed for arson, conspiracy to cause explosions and administering poison; Keith Rose, 45, shot dead the wife of a supermarket tycoon during a bungled kidnap attempt; and Andrew Rodger, 44, battered to death a nightwatchman in November 1987.

They escaped while they were among 31 prisoners in the gymnasium, when they used the copied key to unlock the door and to enter a prison workshop. They collected a pair of bolt-cutters and pieced together hidden sections of a ladder they had built during metalwork classes. They cut their way through an internal security fence and used the ladder to scale the perimeter wall.

Prison staff discovered the breakout shortly after 8pm, two hours after the men were last seen in the gym. Within hours the Prison Service admitted that the escape probably occurred "because of a failure to follow basic security procedures". It is understood that an initial inquiry has uncovered failures to search Category A prisoners and a failure to monitor closed-circuit television, giving the men time to flee the island.

The breakout came as a second night of rioting caused widespread damage at Everthorpe jail in Humberside. Michael Forsyth, the Prisons Minister, blamed the disturbances on tougher security at the jail, including a clampdown on drugs.

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Michael Howard and Derek Lewis yesterday. Both were told three months ago that there were serious security defects at Parkhurst

Tumim raised alarm three months ago

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

JUDGE Tumim gave a warning to the Prison Service three months ago that there were serious security defects at Parkhurst. His alarm at inadequate searching and the failure of staff to use electronic searching equipment properly came during an inspection of the jail last October.

The judge wrote to Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service, on October 7, alerting him to the problems. It said that his worries about security were not intended as "any criticism of management". It added: "The main trouble is inadequate searching." The content of the letter was made known to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

Judge Tumim said yesterday: "I found serious security defects on a broad front. My comments were passed to the Director-General of Prisons, who said something would be done right away. I assume some action was taken, but it has not been effective." He added: "We were very unhappy about the security condition generally."

Judge Tumim said that his letter had concentrated on the lack of searches. It is the first time that he has written to the head of the Prison Service while an inspection was under way to express concern about security.

Another part of his letter mentioned the need for the refurbishment of the special security unit at the jail, where there was concern that a helicopter could be used to help escapers. Prisoners have been moved from the unit while it is rebuilt.

The concern about searching at Parkhurst was highlighted by the escape by IRA inmates from Whitemoor prison in Cambridgeshire. It is believed that the Semtex found at Whitemoor had come from Parkhurst when an IRA man was transferred.

Mr Howard insisted that the initial recommendations made by Judge Tumim's team received immediate attention. "Most of his recommendations related to searching, and those recommendations were implemented. Searching has been improved. He also made one recommendation which involved building work — that is under way," he said.

The Prison Service said that as a result of Judge Tumim's letter searching now exceeds the required levels. "Major building work to upgrade physical security at the prison is currently under way, but will not be completed until 1998," a statement added.

Knight jailed for seven years

Ronnie Knight, who for a decade lived the high life in Spain on the proceeds of a £5.9 million robbery, was jailed for seven years yesterday by an Old Bailey judge.

The former husband of the actress Barbara Windsor received more than £300,000 as his share of the cash from the Security Express raid in 1983 ..... Page 5

Labour moves in to Tory heartland

Tories have had their worst losses to Labour in the traditional southern middle-class heartlands, according to the MORI aggregate of more than 52,000 interviews for *The Times* in 1994. Since July Labour has also advanced on the Lib-Dems ..... Page 8

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A 'Salute to Newt' as US greets the new Speaker

Martin Fletcher reports on US euphoria as the Republicans take charge of Congress for the first time since Eisenhower's day

WITH equal measures of elation and trepidation, the Republicans yesterday took charge of the US Congress for the first time since Eisenhower's day, and immediately launched their bold attempt to reverse the relentless 60-year growth of the "Nanny State" that began with President Roosevelt's New Deal.

The historic transfer of power was marked in Washington with the sort of razzmatazz normally reserved for a presidential inauguration. Only this time the coronation was that of Newt Gingrich, a visionary conservative dubbed "Gingrich Khan" by his detractors but considered a latter-day Moses by the Republicans he has finally led from the political wilderness.

Mr Gingrich was formally elected as the most powerful, but least tested, House Speaker of modern times by 228 votes to 202. President Clinton, gravely weakened by the Democrats' election rout, stayed out of Washington for the highly emotional ceremony, preferring to nurse his wounds in his native Arkansas. Dispirited Democratic congressmen looked on powerless.

Mr Gingrich had arrived from his native Georgia on Tuesday on board a "Speaker Express" aircraft loaded with relatives and supporters. That night 1,500 jubilant Republicans attended a "Salute to Newt" dinner featuring signed copies on every seat of *Contract with America*, the Republicans' election platform, plus film clips of Washington pundits solemnly insisting last year that the Republicans had no chance of taking Congress.

Mr Gingrich then went to a Republican gala attended by another 2,800 supporters, who could scarcely believe how their party's fortunes had recovered since President Bush's devastating defeat two years ago. Outside, sleek black limousines lined the pavements in an echo of the Reagan era.

Normally the opening day of a new Congress is followed by a fortnight's recess, but yesterday the Republicans wasted scarcely a minute before embarking on their much heralded revolution. The mo-

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Yeltsin orders halt to Grozny bombing

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin last night ordered his forces to halt their bombardment of Grozny after civilian casualties continued to mount in the fifth day of fighting for control of the besieged Chechen capital.

In a move intended to counter a growing outcry at home and abroad over the mounting death toll, the Russian leader said last night that the bombing would end at midnight.

The presidential press service said that the decision was taken at a meeting between President Yeltsin, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and other senior Kremlin figures who had been inundated with appeals from the public, the press and politicians to halt the attack.

Despite the announcement, there was no evidence yesterday that the move signalled a broader attempt at halting the 24-day offensive to force the breakaway republic back under Moscow's control.

Nikolai Yegorov, Yeltsin's deputy Prime Minister in charge of co-ordinating operations in Chechenia, yesterday predicted that the capital would soon fall.

Fighting continued yesterday in and around the centre of Grozny, where the Chechen defenders still seem to be in control of most of the capital.

President Yeltsin's conciliatory move was in part prompted by the graphic description in the Russian press and gruesome television footage of attacks on Tuesday by Russian aircraft which left scores of civilians dead.

In one attack, reporters said that 100 men, women and children died when bombers struck an open market.

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Green activist lost on secret jungle mission

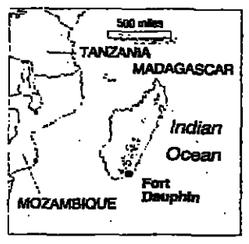
BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING British environmentalist on an undercover investigation into destruction of the Madagascan rainforest is missing in a remote part of island without food and only a few days' supply of water.

Fears were growing last night for Andrew Lees, 46, campaigns director of Friends of the Earth, who was last seen at the weekend entering the Tetriky Forest area, 15km from Fort Dauphin, in the southeast of the island.

The veteran campaigner has been officially visiting Madagascar as a tourist since December 14, for wildlife filming, and was due to fly home on Sunday. But, despite searches by local gendarmes and tribespeople, there has been no trace of him since he left his driver on a lonely dirt track to return to the forest on Saturday afternoon.

Yesterday his girlfriend, Dr Chris Orengo, 35, a scientist from Kentish Town, north London, flew to join the rescue in the former French colony 240 miles off the east African coast. Peter Smith, British Ambassador in Antananarivo, the island's capital,



said he was sending a senior official to help as Madagascan police stepped up investigations.

Officially, Friends of the Earth are playing down the disappearance. Charles Secrett, director of the group, said: "My own feeling is that in the very dense jungle, Andrew tripped and sprained or even broke an ankle. Because the vegetation is so thick, sound doesn't carry far. Someone could be within 50 yards of you and not hear you shouting," he said.

But privately members fear for Mr Lees's safety after they disclosed that he was gathering evidence for an unspecified secret investigation. The rainforests are under pressure from logging companies, deforestation from cattle rearing and farming, and from mining interests. Local people also kill threatened species, including lemurs.

Sheila O'Connor, of the World Wide Fund for Nature, which has representatives in the area, said the area in which Mr Lees disappeared was free from dangerous or poisonous wild animals.

Ted Lees, Mr Lees's father, said yesterday from his home at Ormesby, Norfolk: "We are getting increasingly worried about his safety. He is used to being in remote areas, but I have never heard of him disappearing before".

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Oil drilling at Windsor approved by councillors

BY ANDREW PIERCE

PERMISSION was granted yesterday to drill for oil in the grounds of Windsor Castle. Canuk Exploration has been given eight weeks in which to strike oil and is likely to start work by August.

Exploratory drilling will take place 800 yards southeast of the castle and 200 yards east of The Long Walk. The oil company, set up by a husband and wife in 1989, estimates that the Royal Family is sitting on a £1 billion fortune.

Large oil companies such as British Petroleum and Shell have reportedly shied away from exploration in Windsor because of the adverse publicity.

Civic leaders in Windsor who were against the proposal were last night considering an appeal to the Prince of Wales. Dennis Outwin, Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, said: "He is the one with the green credentials. Perhaps he would intercede with his mother."

Berkshire County Council planning committee, meeting in Reading, voted nine to three in favour of the company being able to sink a 400-metre borehole. None of the 12 councillors on the committee represents wards from the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

The councillors gave approval after environmental officers ruled that noise, general disturbance and visual impact would be minimal. The exploration site will be fenced off but a 60ft mobile drilling rig mounted on a lorry will be visible to walkers in the Great Park and to people looking out from upstairs windows of the castle.

Dr Desmond Oswald and his wife Olive, who own Canuk, estimate there is a one-in-eight chance of finding enough oil to fill 100 million barrels. If they strike crude a separate planning application will be required for extraction.

The Treasury, and not the Queen, will benefit from any oil find. The Royal Family forsook revenues, including those from mineral rights, on Crown Land in exchange for the annual Civil List. The Crown will be able to negotiate a small fee for access.

Mr Outwin said that the drilling could create a Dallas-on-Thames and lead to an invasion of nodding donkeys and Stetson hats. He said the Queen's reputation would be irreparably damaged.

"I have had telephone calls and letters from all over the world from people expressing disbelief that she is allowing the desecration of a national monument," Mr Outwin said. "I have great affection for her but she is very badly advised. This will only further damage the reputation of her family. Tourists will be driven off by nodding donkeys? Who else wants to come to see an oilfield in Windsor Great Park?"

Commander Michael Porter, chairman of the Berkshire branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "This is a sad day for Windsor and for the Queen. The council is naive. They will only explore for oil if they get the chance to extract. I am astonished that the views of the local people have been wilfully ignored."

Don Beer, chairman of the county council's development control and waste regulation committee, said: "This is something we have got to do. I think it is imperative that we know if oil is there or not."

John Maisie, a councillor for the Royal Borough, said: "The castle and park are at the very heart of our national heritage. The public at home and abroad are astonished we should contemplate oil exploration in this sensitive site. This application is not for the national or public good."

Buckingham Palace declined to comment but Edwin Singer, a Windsor councillor, predicted rebellion. "Not for the first time in its 1,000-year history, a reigning monarch has found herself with citizens who are revolting," he said.

CHRIS HARRIS

Hannah O'Connor, Miss Poppy 1994, showing off the legion's new logo

Legion enters new age of charity with modern image

THE Royal British Legion launched its new image yesterday with the help of some of the young ex-servicemen that have benefited from its work. The legion wants to broaden and modernise its appeal, showing the public that it is not just a club for ageing veterans (John Young writes).

The legion has a new logo depicting the famous poppy, which will appear in advertisements in national newspapers and on poster sites. At the launch was Andy Phillips, 29, who was discharged from the Royal Air Force 18 months ago with a slipped disc aggravated by his work as an armourer. He joined the legion's retraining programme in August 1993 and less than three months later found a job as a photo lithographer.

Mr Phillips, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, said: "It's a great life when you are in the forces, but when you leave you are on your own. The British Legion was a huge help, boosting my morale and motivating me to go and get a job. People think that it is just a bunch of veterans marching on poppy day."

Since 1945 nearly 3,000 servicemen have been killed in action and at present 25,000 people leave the services every year to seek a living as civilians. Lord Kingsdown, president of The Royal British Legion Industries and former Governor of the Bank of England, said: "All the time the need for our assistance is growing, not diminishing. In 15 years' time the number requiring practical assistance is likely to have doubled."

Employers struggle to find quality graduates

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

EMPLOYERS are struggling to recruit high-quality graduates in spite of the big increase in the number of young people going to university, according to a study published yesterday.

The Association of Graduate Recruiters, which represents 500 big employers, said that one in five organisations was left with unfilled vacancies last year because applicants often fell short of the required standard. The problem was most acute in science and engineering, with companies refusing to take graduates with poor communication skills.

Kate Orebi Gann, recruitment manager of Marks and Spencer and the association's chairman, said: "Employers receive 100 or more applications for each vacancy but they are still having trouble finding the right graduate for the job." The proportion of employers suffering a recruitment shortfall was expected to decline from 13 per cent in 1993 as the number of graduates available increased by 12 per cent last year to a record 182,000.

Roly Cockman, executive secretary of the association, said that employers were growing more demanding as the supply of graduates expanded. The class of 1994 had not performed any worse academically, but organisations were seeking people with extra skills, work experience and outside interests.

Mr Cockman said that some students were being wrongly advised to concentrate on their studies at university because a strong degree was the best way to enhance their job prospects. "Employers actually want people with transferable skills such as good communication, business awareness and the ability to work in a team."

Yesterday's report, based on responses from 282 public and private sector recruiters, found that the number of graduates who found jobs increased by 2.4 per cent last year. The typical starting salary was 13.8 per cent, up 3.8 per cent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

School test dispute widens NUT split

The split in the National Union of Teachers widened yesterday as left-wingers revolted against a leadership campaign to call off its boycott of national tests. A group formed to rally teachers and parents behind the two-year boycott claimed the support of more than a third of the national executive. Fifteen members have urged teachers to vote to continue industrial action in a ballot this month.

The move by the group came as papers were sent to 160,000 teachers in a ballot in which members are recommended to co-operate with this summer's tests. It overshadowed a leadership attempt to claim that Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, had offered further concessions in an attempt to win classroom peace. Carole Regan, NUT vice-president and a leading member of the group, condemned efforts to scrap the boycott as naive.

War crimes unit denial

Scotland Yard has denied reports that its war crimes unit will be disbanded when Home Office funding ends in March. Commander Roy Ramm, head of specialist CID operations, said yesterday that it would close only once all seven prosecutions under consideration were completed or discontinued. Funds would be found from a fresh application to the Home Office or from the Yard's budget.

£1.3bn rise in crime

Figures showing a £1.3 billion rise in the value of stolen property were released by Labour yesterday as evidence of the Government's failure to combat crime. Statistics based on official figures showed that the value of property stolen in England and Wales rose by 62 per cent above inflation between 1988 and 1993 to £3.5 billion. Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Humberside saw the biggest increases.

Shuttle extendeded

Le Shuttle trains are now operating a 24-hour-a-day car passenger service through the Channel Tunnel. Eurotunnel, the tunnel operator, has extended services after more than 12,000 reservations were made in the last two weeks of December. Tickets still have to be bought in advance but Eurotunnel admitted that there was still space for customers without reservations.

Hostage to be treated

Paul Ride, the freed Iraqi hostage, was ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment for post traumatic stress syndrome when he appeared before Waltham Forest magistrates, east London, accused of trying to burn down his home in a suicide attempt. Mr Ride, 35, is charged with arson with intent to endanger life. He was remanded on unconditional bail until January 25.

First gene-altered food

Britain's first genetically engineered foods will be in the shops this year after a decision by agriculture ministers yesterday to approve sauces and pastes made from gene-altered tomatoes. The move is opposed by critics who fear that a gene carried by the tomatoes, engineered to rot more slowly, will lead to resistance to drugs such as those used to fight tuberculosis in people and animals.

Meningitis girl buried

Three hundred mourners filled St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, East Sussex, for the funeral of Emma Harris, a girl aged five who died on Boxing Day from meningitis. Sally and David Harris, her parents, were joined at the graveside by Alan and Elizabeth Yates, whose daughter Alexandra died at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, from the same bug on the eve of her classmate's funeral.

Man's ditch ordeal

A retired headmaster spent more than nine hours trapped in the freezing cold after his van careered into a ditch. Gordon Hurst, 61, of Leicester, escaped injury in the accident at 11pm on Tuesday near Aberford, West Yorkshire, but was wedged behind the steering wheel until police officers found him at 8.30 am yesterday. He is in hospital recovering from hypothermia. Forecast, page 24

Scott's camp rusts

Captain Scott's base camp, literally frozen in time for more than 80 years, is starting to rust because the Antarctic summers are getting warmer. The New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust has launched an appeal to save the camp, at Cape Evans on Ross Island, which Scott left in 1912 for his ill-fated journey to the South Pole, because water is rusting the stove and beds. Features, page 16, Letters, page 19

Trouble on the buses

More than 100 dismissed bus drivers offered free services to customers in Chelmsford, Essex. The drivers, members of the transport workers' union, operated 15-seat minibuses minutes ahead of Eastern National vehicles on the best routes through the town. Bill Morris, the union general secretary, said the men had been dismissed for legally disputing company orders for a longer working day.

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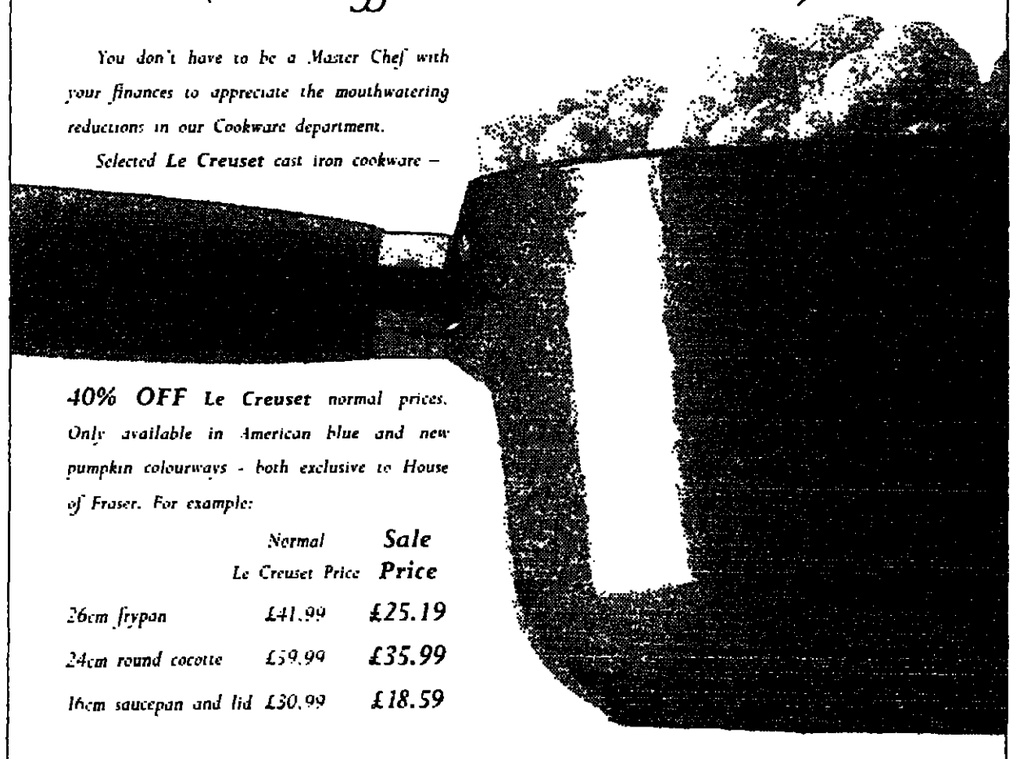

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RUC faces public scrutiny on future

BY JOHN HICKS

THE most comprehensive community consultation project into the future of policing in Northern Ireland was launched by the Province's police authority yesterday. It follows a call at the weekend from Sir Hugh Annesley, the RUC Chief Constable, for the Government to set up a commission to examine police structures for Northern Ireland.

The future of the 13,000-strong force, staffed predominantly by Protestant officers, is expected to be one of the key political issues during the coming year. Nationalist leaders have called for radical reform of the force to make it more acceptable to the minority community. With this in mind all political parties, churches, trade unions, community bodies and individuals will be lobbied by the police authority over the next four months. At the end of the consultation period, the authority will produce a report for Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State.

David Cook, the Northern Ireland Police Authority chairman, said the consultation project should help the RUC evolve into a "broadly based partnership" to serve the community for the next 20 years. He strongly denied allegations that the authority's project would undermine the morale of the RUC.

☐ Sir Patrick Mayhew last night set up an independent inquiry into the fire at Stormont on Monday. It will be led by Sir Reginald Doyle, former Chief Inspector of Fire Services, who will examine the building's fire safety precautions and fire-fighting arrangements.

Britain's women workers face uphill struggle to close the gender pay gap

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE old-boy network and other factors that accelerate men's careers continue seriously to hinder the progress of women and cost them thousands of pounds a year in pay, according to research published yesterday. The findings coincide with the publication of data showing that the struggle to close the gender pay gap faces more determined resistance in Britain than in almost every other European country.

Dr Tuvia Melamed, a psychologist at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, said that sex discrimination accounted for 60 per cent of the wage gap between men and women. Informal networking was also responsible: important business decisions taken at men-only social clubs, on the golf course or at the pub were blocking the progress of women workers.

Personality and family circumstances were other factors: men were more likely to be successful if they were extroverted and independent — personality attributes that did not influence women's careers.

Dr Melamed surveyed the jobs of 480 full-time employees aged 18 to 64. The average salary of women questioned was £13,500 a year, compared to £18,000 for men.

He said: "Organisations today are still run by men and firms often adopt equal opportunities for political correctness rather than because they care for women. Many organisations have an equal opportunities officer, but it is usually a facade."

Dr Melamed, who presented his findings to the British Psychological Society's occupational psychology conference at Warwick University yesterday, said the success of women at work tended to be attributed to luck rather than ability. He found there was little women could do to avoid sex discrimination at work. Even when their professional and personal attributes were rated equal to or higher than men's, their wages and perceived managerial potential remained lower.

The latest *Bulletin on Women and Employment in the European Union*, published by the European Commission, shows British women's monthly earnings for non-manual jobs in industry in 1991 were 58 per cent of their male counterparts' salaries, compared to 67 per cent in France. Only Luxembourg, at 55 per cent, was worse than Britain. In insurance, the British figure was 57 per cent against 78 per cent in Germany.

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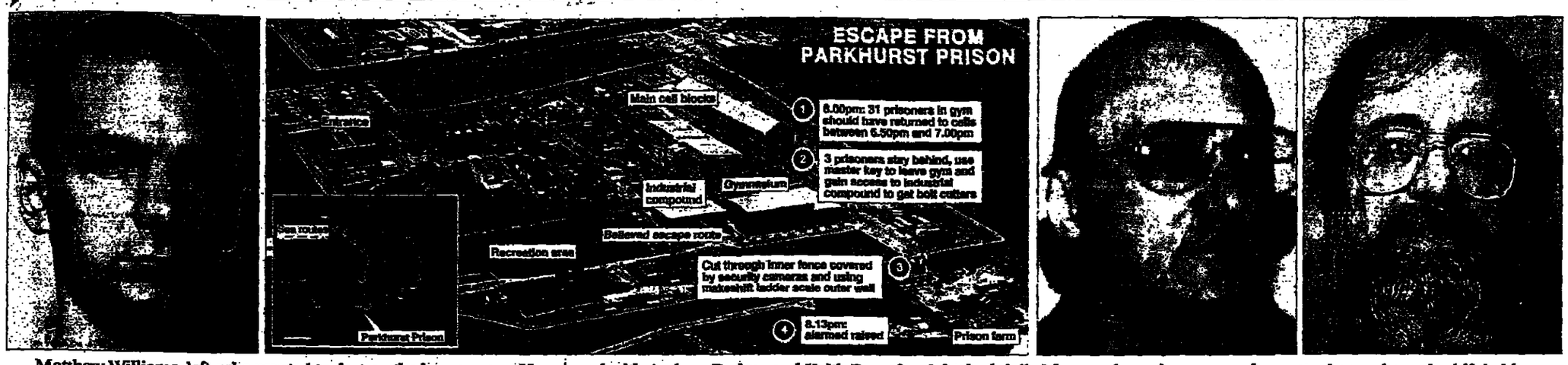
Immediate threat from Parkhurst prisoners could be greater than that of IRA escapers at Whitemoor



Matthew Williams, left, who wanted to destroy the human race. He escaped with Andrew Rodger and Keith Rose, far right, both jailed for murder, using a copy of a master key and a makeshift ladder

Fugitives' grim record of death and destruction

BY STEWART TENDLER AND KATE ALDERSON

A SCIENCE student who plotted to eradicate the human race with bombs and poison and a killer who promised revenge on the people who convicted him were on the run last night after the Parkhurst Prison breakout. The third fugitive was a burglar who battered to death a nightwatchman who disturbed him.

As police yesterday urgently contacted anyone who might be at risk from the men, a prison security expert said the potential immediate risk could be higher than the threat from the five IRA men who attempted to escape from Whitemoor Prison last year.

One of the fugitives, Matthew Williams, 25, also tried to escape less than 18 months ago. On his way to Parkhurst from Long Lartin Prison, he produced a hypodermic needle which he claimed was infected with the Aids virus.

The prison van drove to a police station near Oxford as Williams threatened a prison officer with the needle. He tried to run away, dragging the handcuffed officer with him, and had to be subdued by officers with truncheons.

Williams displayed a morbid fascination with Hitler in his diaries and wrote of how he planned to invent a lethal plague which would wipe out the world, and of his intentions to pollute reservoirs with anthrax. In one diary entry he wrote: "I hate people. The majority I come into contact with are filthy, ignorant, aggressive scum who should not exist. I intend to destroy them all by whatever means I can." He studied genetics and microbiology at Leeds University, where he was described as bright but lonely. While there he caused £180,000 of damage to a chapel in Leeds, stole cyanide from the science laboratories and told a careers advisor that he wanted a job in germ warfare.

During his three-year campaign of destruction Williams placed a nail bomb in a Liverpool street crowded with Christmas shoppers, tried to poison his family by injecting a tin of tomatoes with sodium chlorate and stole enough cyanide to kill 300 people. He fired a crossbow through a neighbour's window, tried to set fire to another neighbour's house with petrol and placed bombs in telephone kiosks.

Although Williams never injured anyone in his attacks he often wrote about killing people. When he was arrested police discovered a mini-

laboratory in his bedroom including bomb-making equipment and a 5ft-high home-made rocket, boxes of gunpowder, intricate time switches and a Geiger counter. A cache of weapons including knives, swords, imitation handguns and grenades were also uncovered.

At his trial in 1989 at Liverpool Crown Court, Williams, from Birkenhead, admitted 11 charges, including conspiracy to cause explosions, administering poison and arson. He was ordered to be detained for life. Passing sentence, Mr Justice Rose told him: "You are clearly a clever, highly intelligent and articulate young man. You clearly have the ability and the intention, it seems to me, of creating what you call mayhem. You were at best indifferent to the death of other people and at worst you looked to bring it about."

Keith Rose, 45, was jailed for life in 1991 for the murder of Juliet Rowe, wife of a supermarket magnate. Mr Justice Ognall described the violence he used as "the callous, brutal act of an executioner".

Saddled with £80,000 business debts and in danger of losing his home, Rose hatched a plot to kidnap Mrs Rowe at her isolated home in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, in 1981. He posed as a telephone engineer to get into her home but his plan came unstuck when his terrified victim tried to escape. As Mrs Rowe, 42, pressed a panic button Rose shot her four times in the back and then, as she lay wounded, shot her through the head and heart.

Although questioned at the time, he was not detained until 1989 when he was arrested for kidnapping the son of a former employer, a food millionaire, and demanding a £1 million ransom. For five days he held Victor Cracknell, 32, gagged and blindfolded with a wire noose around his neck, intending to strangle him if he tried to escape.

Detectives were convinced that Rose would have left his victim to starve to death, but he managed to free himself and escape. Rose was sentenced to 15 years for the kidnapping at the Old Bailey in 1990. Mrs Rowe's husband Gerald spotted his face on television and he was subsequently tried for her murder at Exeter Crown Court.

Andrew Rodger is a Glaswegian who settled in east London. He was unemployed and a petty crook when in 1986 he broke into a swimming pool. He was interrupted by John Garrett, 58, whom he beat to death before stealing £21. Later he wrote to police anonymously claiming to be the murderer and was traced.

Yesterday former Detective Chief Superintendent Geoff Parratt, who arrested Rodger, said: "He is one evil bastard. John Garrett was a meek man and there was no need for the violence. It was absolutely horrendous; some of the worst injuries I have ever seen."

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Escapers had two-hour head start on police

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE three dangerous prisoners on the run from Parkhurst Jail on the Isle of Wight were free for up to two and a quarter hours before their absence was noticed. They had time to flee the island by ferry, hydrofoil or catamaran, reaching the mainland before police were aware they were missing.

Keith Rose, 45, Andrew Rodger, 44, and Matthew Williams, 25, broke through an inner fence using stolen tools and scaled the outer wall with an improvised ladder. More than 200 police and officers from the island's three jails were searching for the men yesterday. The hunt has been extended across the Solent to the south coast of England. Armed officers from the tactical firearms unit were on hand.

The jailbreak was ingenious and obviously well planned, according to Nigel Mason, spokesman for the Prison Officers' Association at Parkhurst. The prisoners were among 31 men who began an hour-long exercise period in the gymnasium at 6pm.

They either hid behind gym mats when the others left or slipped through a back door using a replica of a skeleton key that can open most gates in the prison. The escapers then ran 150 yards to a vocational training workshop which they opened using their key. Inside, they pieced together a 25-foot ladder using sections constructed during metalwork lessons and hidden around the building. They stole tools and were able to cut through the inner perimeter fence which is 17 feet tall and cannot be scaled because it is topped with razor wire.

The mesh fence is supposed to be equipped with sensors which not only tell the control room that it has been broken but can pinpoint the area where the breach has occurred. By remote control, the video cameras placed high and low around the perimeter can then be trained to follow an escaper as he flees and zoom in on him to get a closer view. Whether the sensors failed or were not noticed by staff is not clear. The men then crossed a 17-foot secure area, which should be patrolled by dog handlers, and reached the wall. Until an escape in the mid-1970s, this was a fence, but concrete was pumped into it to form a more solid barrier. At the top of the wall is a "beak", which juts inwards by six feet to make it almost impossible to climb.

Using their homemade ladder, the men were easily able to overcome that hurdle, and then slid down a steel rope, evading more dog handlers, to freedom. The police learnt of the escape only at 8.13pm on Tuesday, after a prison dog found a hole in the fence. An emergency roll call quickly established that the three lifers were missing.

A major hunt began on Tuesday evening by police, backed by prison officers, on foot and from the air using thermal imaging equipment. At one point a farmhouse between Parkhurst and Cowes was surrounded after a couple returned home during the night to find that an outbuilding had been broken into.

At road blocks, police searched the insides of lorries and even car boots for the men. On parts of the island, there were two policemen stationed every 400 yards watching for signs of the escapers. Islanders seemed calm, reasoning that if the men had taken such pains to prepare their escape, they would also have arranged transport to the mainland.

Parkhurst is one of six top security prisons in England and Wales designed to hold some of the country's most dangerous criminals, including Mafia gangsters and IRA terrorists. Three years ago the Isle of Wight jail held 200 prisoners, of whom 40 were serving life and 71 eleven years or longer.

In 1993 police and prison officers thwarted an escape attempt by Gilbert McNamee, Patrick McLaughlin and Peter Sherry, three convicted IRA terrorists. Sherry and McNamee were involved in the escape from Whitemoor jail in September.

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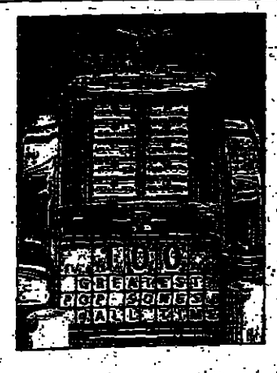

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Gloucester bodies released for burial

THE bodies of all 12 alleged victims of Frederick West are to be released for burial and a coroner is to hold full inquests on at least three of them.

Gloucestershire Police said: "The Gloucester coroner is writing to the relatives to inform them they can now go ahead with funeral arrangements. This is sure to be of great comfort to the families."

The release of the remains by David Gibbons, the Gloucester District Coroner, had been delayed by West's change of lawyers and other factors. Mr Gibbons said: "The reasons for the delay are best known to those who were defending Mr West."

West, who committed suicide on Sunday, was charged alone with the murder of his first wife Catherine, their daughter Charmaine and Anne McFall, a Scottish nanny. There can now be no criminal verdict on their deaths so an inquest will be held to determine how they died. The deaths of the other nine remain the subject of murder charges against West's wife Rosemary.

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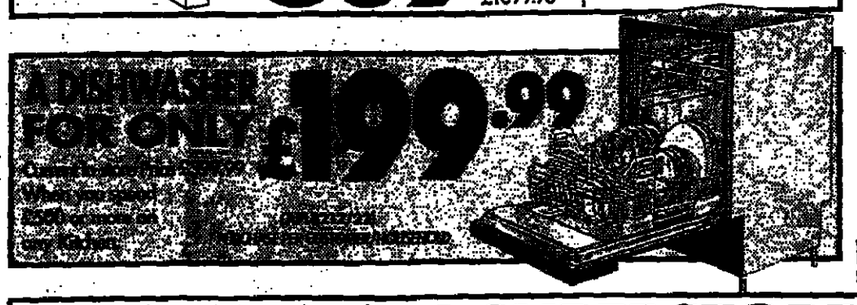

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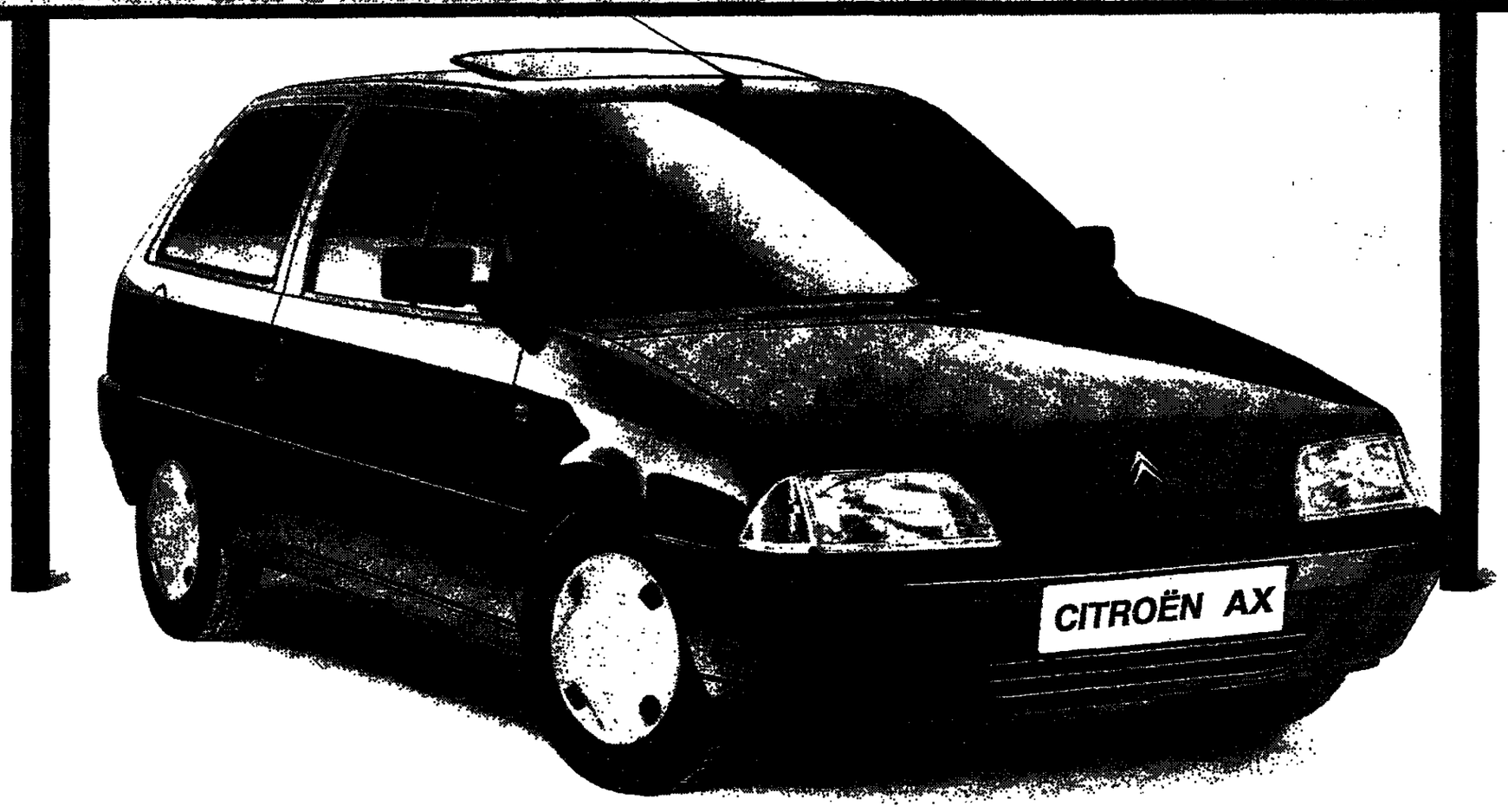

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Justice catches up with colourful fugitive who spent ten years living the high life on Costa del Sol

Knight sentenced to seven years for role in £6m robbery

By Richard Duce

RONNIE KNIGHT, the colourful villain who for a decade lived the high life in Spain on the proceeds of a £6 million robbery, was jailed for seven years yesterday by an Old Bailey judge.

Knight, 60, received more than £300,000 as his share of the cash from the 1983 Security Express raid — then the largest haul in British criminal history — but all the money has now been frittered away.

The former husband of the actress Barbara Windsor was arrested at Luton airport after returning voluntarily to Britain last May. His exact involvement in the meticulously planned robbery almost 12 years ago was not resolved during his two-hour appearance in court.

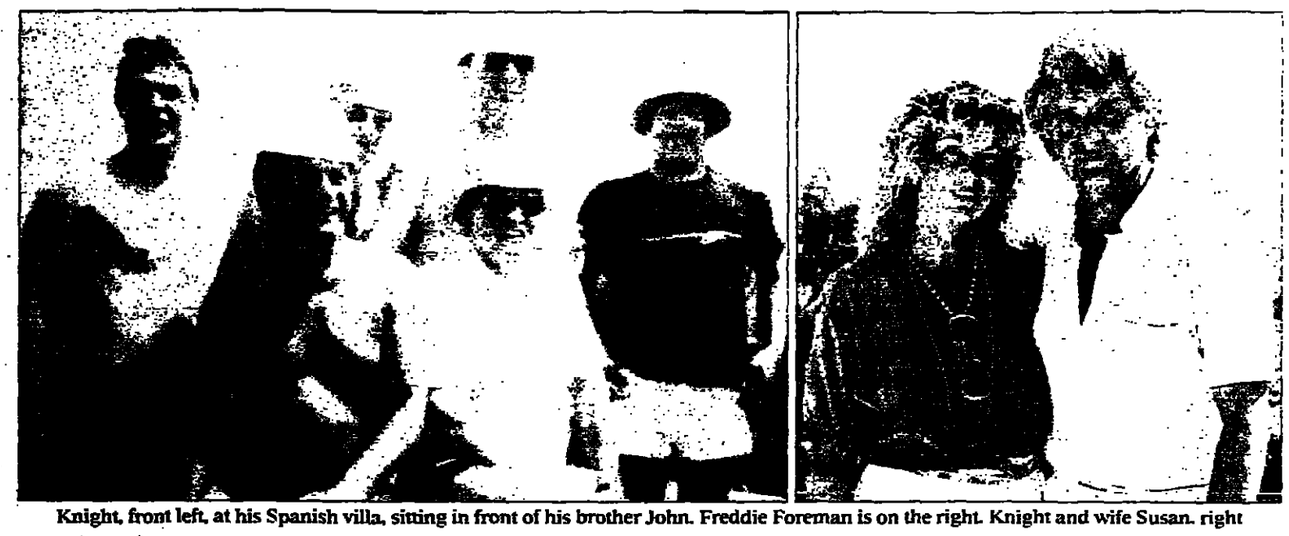
Knight, who appears to have aged considerably since his return from Spain, showed no emotion as he was jailed for handling £314,813 in stolen money. His not-guilty plea to taking part in the robbery itself was accepted by the prosecution.

Det Supt Malone: "The investigation goes on"

In all, £5,961,097 was stolen and only some £2 million was ever recovered, none of it from Knight. Judge Gordon said: "You benefited by an enormous amount and not one penny has been recovered. I know not what your precise role was in the matter but I do know that professional robbers such as those involved here will not hand over to anyone the sort of money you got — a similar sum to the actual robbers — unless the person to whom they give it is very deeply involved."

Knight's two brothers, John and James, were jailed in 1985 for their part in the robbery on Easter Monday, 1983, when a guard was doused in petrol and threatened with incineration by the nine-man gang unless he handed over the key to the vault of the Security Express headquarters in Shoreditch, London.

Ronnie Knight fled to Spain in January 1984 the day after his brother John was arrested.



Knight, front left, at his Spanish villa, sitting in front of his brother John. Freddie Foreman is on the right. Knight and wife Susan, right

Until yesterday he had claimed he was innocent of any involvement. Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, told how within days of the robbery Knight started depositing money with Fox Associates, the accountancy firm that acted for Miss Windsor. Mr Worsley emphasised that Miss Windsor had no knowledge of the transactions and the firm had no idea the money was stolen.

By the end of 1983 Knight's marriage to Miss Windsor was effectively over and he was having an affair with Susan Haylock. Knight used her to transfer money from Britain to Spain.

A warrant for her arrest is still outstanding. Miss Haylock, 42, and now the third Mrs Knight after marrying him in 1987, is said to be living on a "modest income" on the Costa del Sol.

There are also warrants out for Clifford Saxe, John Mason and Ronald Everett, all believed to be living in Spain, and said to be involved in the robbery. The judge said he could not make a compensation order against Knight, who has been in custody as a category A prisoner, ever since he was accompanied back from his villa in Spain by representatives of *The Sun*.

However, the judge said, it did not preclude Security Express pursuing a case for compensation against Knight in the civil courts. After the case, Detective Superintendent Iain Malone said the Flying Squad was committed to carrying on its investigation until all those involved were caught.

Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, said that Knight, apart from returning to "clear the books and try at long last to come to terms with what he was involved in", also wanted to see his mother Nellie. She is now 90, suffering from Parkinson's disease and in a nursing home. He said newspaper images over the years of Knight as a "swashbuckling figure basking in the sun" were a far cry from the figure he cut today.

Miss Windsor, who is starring in pantomime at Basingstoke, Hampshire, was asked if she had any comment to make on the sentence handed down to the man who was her husband for 23 years. She replied: "No, dear."

Barbara Windsor and Ronnie Knight in 1980

Yesterday's man washed up on the Costa del Crime

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

AT 10pm on January 22, 1984, Ronnie Knight telephoned his wife, the *Carry On* actress Barbara Windsor, from Barcelona airport to announce he was on the run.

His brother John had been arrested for the theft of £6.3 million in cash from a Security Express depot. As a tearful Miss Windsor put down the telephone in London her husband caught a flight for Malaga and a new life as crown prince of the Costa del Crime.

Last night, broke and ageing, Knight began a seven-year sentence. One senior detective acknowledged that Knight had been "big league, mixing and brokering with top league criminals in Spain". But, said the officer, "he had no money and the pressure was on him out there."

Knight, a friend of the Kray twins, could not keep pace with the new world of drugs and guns among the expatriate criminals. In public he raised a champagne glass for passing tabloid photographers and acted the dapper host at his Costa Del Sol nightclub R. Knight's. Behind the scenes Scotland Yard kept the pressure on him, encouraging the Spanish to make his life a misery. His criminal career started in the 1950s. Convicted in his teens as a petty thief, Knight — one of four brothers from the edge of the East End — was acquitted over two armed robberies in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He launched himself into the world of London's clubland and gambling but became famous as Miss Windsor's boyfriend.

He later said: "She was the sexiest, most desirable woman I have ever met. And she was making eyes at me." They married in 1964 in a tempestuous match that still haunts the two of them.

Knight kept a whitewashed villa, El Limonar, in the La Capellania development in Benalmádena, from 1973. Spain then had no extradition treaty with Britain. By 1983 property prices were soaring. Knight bought two apartments in the heart of Marbella. He also bought a town house. With his new life came a new wife. Knight divorced Miss Windsor for Susan Haylock, a former barmaid at one of his clubs.

By now, Freddie Foreman and Clifford Saxe, the publican of the Fox pub in Kingsland Road, Hackney, where the £6 million robbery was allegedly planned, had arrived on the Costa. Ronald Everett and John Mason bought homes in Marbella. With Knight, they made up the Famous Five.

Detective Superintendent Peter Wilton and two officers from the Security Express squad spent weeks on the Costa del Sol tracking their men. When extradition arrangements were renewed and Spain passed new legislation controlling foreign residents, Knight was top of a list of criminals sought by the Yard. Mr Wilton retired but officers led by Detective Inspector Reid McGeorge refused to abandon the hunt.

Assidnously, Mr McGeorge built up a paper trail leading to Knight. Yet he carried on regardless. When he wasn't by his pool, he could be found on a sunlounger on the beach. But behind the veneer things were not going well. In 1986 he sold his properties. In 1990 he published his autobiography but he was rapidly going broke. There were rumours he might come back. His last business venture was the disastrous R. Knight's.

> "By the end he was like a puppy. Whistle and he would come"

On the club's opening night in October 1991 there was a stabbing. The place became a focal point for the worst of the Costa del Sol's criminal fraternity. Guns, drugs and money were the order of the day, not old-time robbers. Knight was beaten up twice.

Chief Inspector Francisco Lara of the Fuengirola CID offers one explanation for Knight's wish to return to England. "When he first turned up here, he was arrogant and rude. By the end he was like a puppy dog. Whistle and he would come. If Ronnie had stayed here, he would have ended up a lonely man with lots of problems."

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Animal rights group quits port in face of militants

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

A SERIOUS rift has developed among opponents of live animal shipments to Europe after militant "rent-a-mob" protesters hijacked an animal rights demonstration at a West Sussex port and clashed with police.

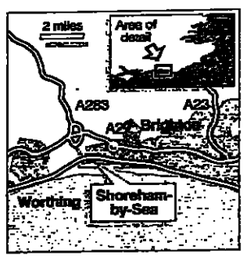
Compassion in World Farming, which had staged a peaceful two-month campaign at Shoreham, yesterday abandoned plans for any further demonstrations because of the violence that flared on Monday and Tuesday. However, an alliance of 12 animal rights groups from the South East poured scorn on CWF last night and vowed the campaign would continue.

Philip Lacey, the port's chief executive, appealed to William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Secretary, to ban the export of livestock or provide proper protection for those engaged in the trade, who had been subjected to violence "verging on terrorism".

Mr Lacey said: "I am going to raise merry hell if we are left in the lurch again. We are the piggy-in-the-middle in this situation and the minister must either change the law or uphold it. The violence on Tuesday night had all the hallmarks of professionally organised animal rights terrorists using the presence of a larger number of peaceful demonstrators as a cover."

As protesters again gathered late yesterday at the entrance to the harbour, Mike Nunn, secretary of the South East Animal Rights Coalition, said: "Our action has led on two successive nights to lorries loaded with calves and sheep being forced to turn away instead of being boarded on to a container ship.

"The demonstration is no longer anything to do with CWF. We believe in direct action. If that means smashing lorry windows to prevent convoys of animals being loaded on to ships, so be it. I was one of many hundreds of



people who were proud to sit down in the road and block the path of these lorries."

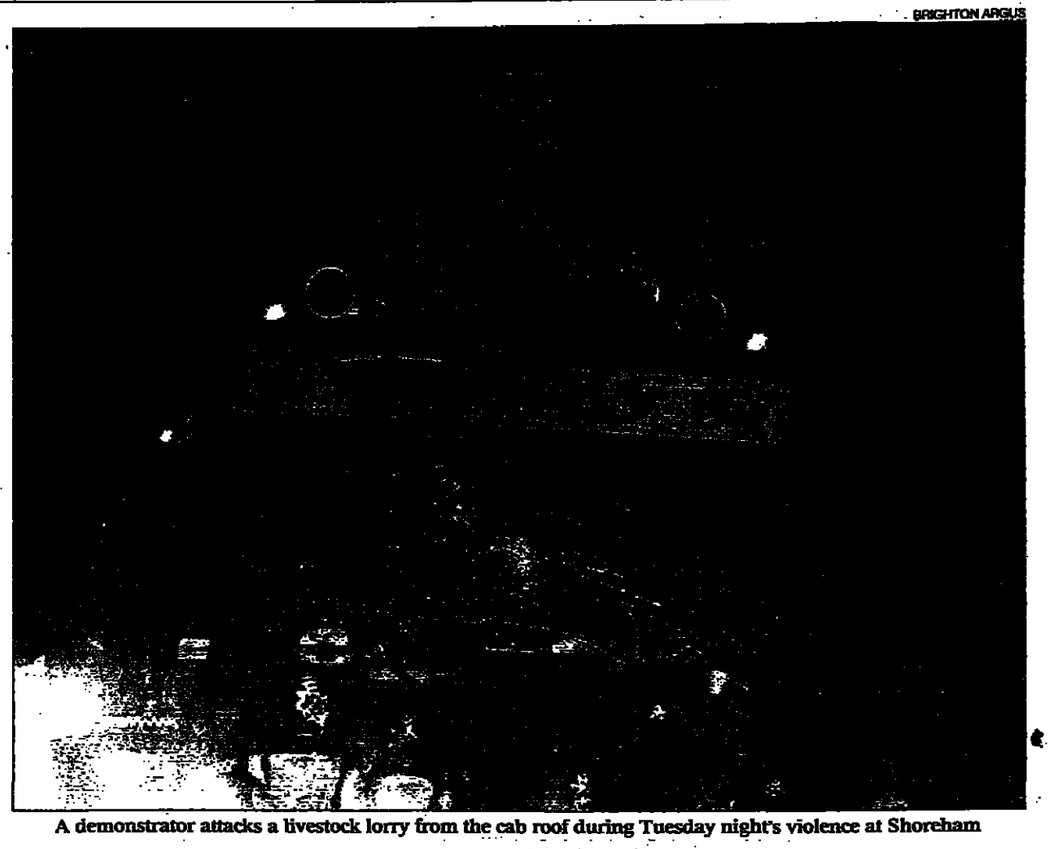
Violence flared on Tuesday night when a convoy of lorries tried to enter the small port for the second night running. Protesters leapt on to trucks, smashing lights and hurling stones through windscreens. Demonstrators, including children, threw themselves in front of lorries in an attempt to stop the animals from being loaded on to a ferry.

Joyce D'Silva, director of CWF, urged demonstrators to stay away from the port after their "peaceful action" had been hijacked by hooligans who had abused her staff. She said: "We will not stage protests when there is a risk of them being hijacked by the rent-a-mob."

Police said two people were arrested on Tuesday night during clashes on the A259 approach road to Shoreham harbour after 500 demonstrators gathered to prevent eight lorries from loading calves and sheep onto a ferry to Dieppe. Three people were taken to hospital after being injured in scuffles. A number of police officers received minor injuries in the clashes.

Richard Childs, Assistant Chief Constable of West Sussex, yesterday defended what he called the "measured approach" taken by the police but said tougher action was now being considered. "I find the sheer gratuitous violence and vitriol from some of those who claim to care for the animals in the lorries they attacked very surprising and discreditable to the real respecters of animal rights."

BRIGHTON ARGUS



A demonstrator attacks a livestock lorry from the cab roof during Tuesday night's violence at Shoreham

Geographers' conference

North-South gap splits academics

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE widely held belief that Britain is a nation of growing inequality was disputed by one academic but supported by another at the Institute of British Geographers' conference yesterday.

The view was based on income data that show the richest fifth of the population is gaining a growing share of disposable income, while the share of the poorest fifth is declining, Dr Daniel Dorling of the University of Newcastle said. Yet other data did not really confirm that.

"Education, car ownership, even the chance of being unemployed are far more equally spread than they used to be," he said. "People's chances in life now depend much less on where they were born than they did in 1950."

He accepted that inequality might have grown during the 1970s and early 1980s but there was evidence now that the trend had gone into reverse. The recession had caused such damage in wealthier areas that inequalities had been reduced. "The housing market crash may have done more to promote equality than anything else in recent history, though hardly in a way the Government wants to boast about," Dr Dorling said.

"For most people in Britain injustice, as measured by geographical inequality, may not be increasing in terms of educational and employment opportunities, and in terms of the distribution of certain types of wealth," he said.

Professor Chris Hamnett of King's College, London, presented a different view to the conference. He has analysed the regional impact of the 1988 cuts in higher rate income tax, and found that the South-East was the main beneficiary.

Although the region contained only 33 per cent of taxpayers, it gained 61 per cent of the £2.6 billion the Chancellor cut from tax bills because more higher-rate taxpayers lived in the South East. "This was regional policy in reverse," he said. "It widened the gap between the North and the South."

Country life makes up for poverty

MANY people in rural Scotland are poor but do not feel it, the conference was told. A survey of 800 people in Harris, Wester Ross, lowland Angus and north Ayrshire found that 49 per cent of households had income of less than £150 a week.

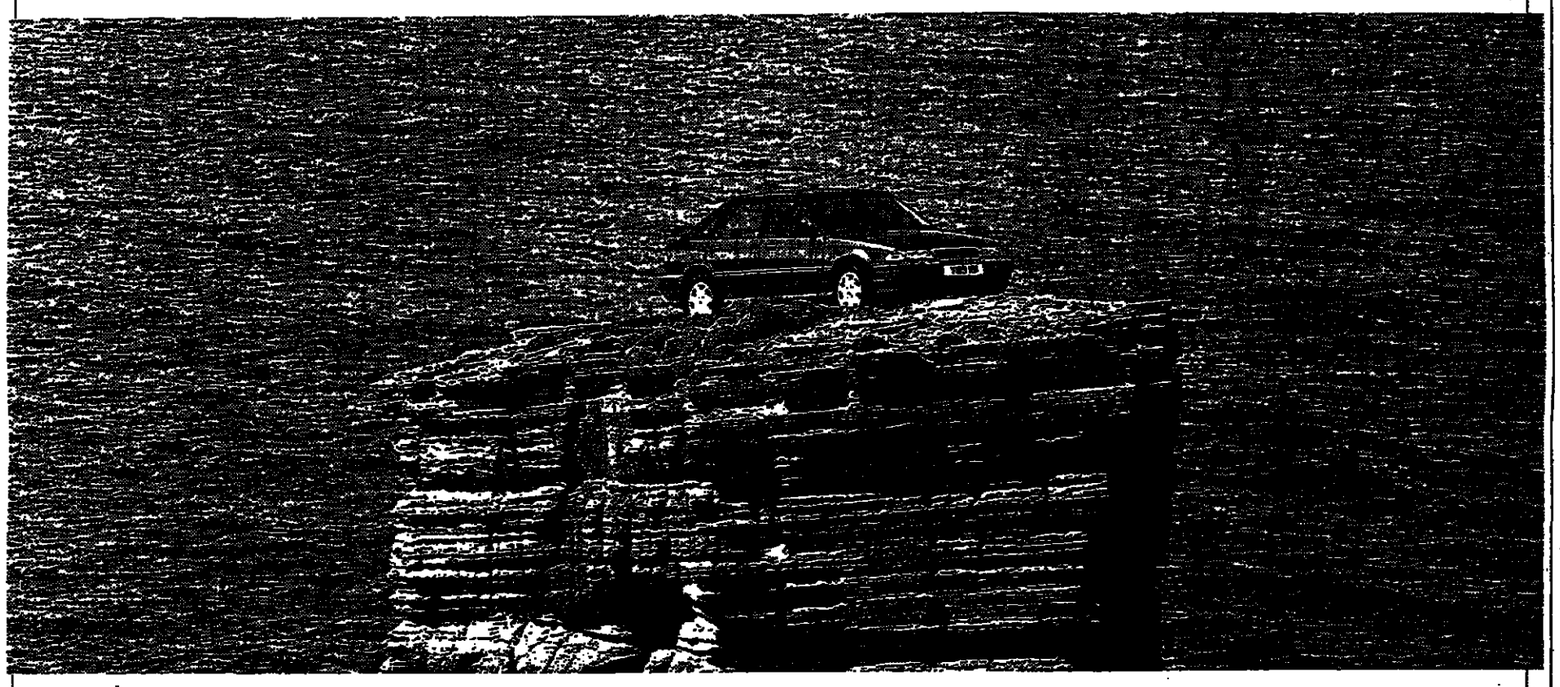
But Dr Margaret Bochel of Grampian Regional Council and Pollyanna Chapman of the University of Aberdeen told delegates that the people focused on the advantages of country life — "the community spirit, the rural lifestyle, the safety enjoyed by their children".

Private rent revival fails to help needy

THE Government's attempt to revive privately rented housing has failed to help those most in need (Nigel Hawkes writes). A survey in Bath has shown that although properties for rent have doubled in the past five years, the number of single rooms and bed-sitters has declined, and, while house prices have fallen, rents have risen.

Dr Janice Ross and Dr John Robb, of Bath College of Higher Education, said that the biggest growth in rentals had been at the top of the market, in flats and houses commanding rents of £450 a month and more.

These were owned by people unable to sell, and offering them for rent until the market improved. But they were little help to the most disadvantaged groups: those unable to buy or pay high rents, and low on council lists — typically young, single people.



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Provincial arts groups fear London will swallow biggest share of National Lottery cash

Royal Opera's £50m bid angers small theatres

By Kathryn Knight

THE Royal Opera House became one of the first applicants for National Lottery funds yesterday, immediately provoking criticism from smaller organisations that fear they will not get a fair share.

After opera officials handed in a 78-page application for £50 million towards a redevelopment scheme, directors of small theatre companies said they were concerned that the lottery money would be swallowed, leaving only meagre funds for those most in need.

Arts, sports and heritage groups all began making claims yesterday for a share of the money generated by the lottery as Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, announced that £96.5 million had been raised in the first seven weeks.

Four of the five distributing bodies, the Sports Council, National Heritage Memorial Fund, the Arts Council and the Millennium Fund, began taking applications and are expecting thousands of bids over the next months. Charities will begin applying for money later this year.

Among the big arts applications expected is one from the Tate Gallery, which indicated

Dorrell: £95.5m raised in first seven weeks

that it would ask for about £40 million towards the development of a new gallery at Bankside power station in south London.

Peter Gummer, chairman of the National Lottery Advisory Board, who received the Royal Opera House application on behalf of the Arts Council, said he thought that the demands of most applicants would be met. "We will have to be careful how we handle major applications, particularly in London, but we must emphasise that a lot of money will go to the regions."

However, Kevin Searon, administrative director at the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool, criticised the Royal Opera bid. "There is a real crisis in the arts at the moment. While I appreciate the need of our flagship institutions, we need to look after the crises in the smaller theatres before those who are looking to move on to a higher level." The Everyman is applying for about £100,000 from lottery funds towards essential repairs and equipment. "We need the money just to keep us here," Mr Searon said. "I will be very upset if I see a large amount of Lottery money spent on just one or two institutions in the short term."

Nicolas Kent, artistic director of the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn, north London, which is applying for £180,000 of Lottery money to improve the frontage of the theatre, said of the Royal Opera: "The prices there deny most ordinary citizens the chance to go, and they are the ones who are buying lottery tickets. The main beneficiaries then become the well-off. I recognise the Opera's need to go for a slice of the cake, but I hope the money will be spread fairly."

The Royal Opera House wants the £50 million to put towards a £150 million, five-year redevelopment project that will include bringing the Royal Ballet under the same roof and restoring the Great Floral Hall. Jeremy Isaacs, general director, defended the application and said he felt the company had public support.

"I hope and believe that there will turn out to be more than enough for all worthy applications to succeed. This is not about knocking smaller organisations to the back of the queue."

At the opposite end of the scale, an amateur dramatics society became the first of many smaller regional arts companies to apply for lottery funds. Teddington Theatre Club, in West London, wants to build a 120-seat theatre in Hampton Hill. It has raised more than £40,000 of the estimated £450,000 cost, and hopes to benefit from £200,000 of lottery money. Eric Yardley, a spokesman for the club, said: "We are very hopeful. We mustn't be overawed by organisations like the Royal Opera House."

Mr Gummer said that preference would be given to strong projects that were of long-term benefit to the public. "We are still unsure what the exact cashflow will be, although current estimates are for around £900 million this year, but we can be sure that applications will not be judged on a first-come-first-serve basis."

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Jeremy Isaacs: "I believe that there will turn out to be more than enough for all worthy applications"

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Soldiers uncover home comforts of bomb-proof igloo

By Nick Nuttall

ESKIMOS have designed the ultimate bomb-proof shelter unaided by computers, high-tech materials and multibillion-pound defence budgets. What is more, they have been building them for thousands of years.

Researchers have found that igloos, made from blocks of frozen snow and costing virtually nothing to build, are not only mortar and shell-proof but are also invisible to military sensors that guide smart bombs. They are also superior to concrete and steel air raid shelters, underground bunkers or earthen trenches.

The discovery has emerged after weapons tests on igloos by the Swedish Army, which claims that they make ideal buildings for storing equipment and food, headquarters for generals, field hospitals and helicopter bases.

Eskimos have always claimed that, despite being made of ice, igloos are pleasant and warm places to spend a night.

To test their weapon-repelling powers, the Swedish army constructed a medium-sized igloo and then waged a small war against it. Damage was minimal even when the igloo was hit by 155mm artillery shells and 120mm mortars.

Infra-red sensors, now routinely used to guide bombs and shells to their targets, were aimed from an aircraft at the igloo, which had been heated inside for six hours. The sensors picked up the army personnel inside but they failed to detect the igloo.

According to *Jane's Defence Weekly*, which is publishing details of the igloo tests, the discovery will be of great interest to the Royal Marines, who train regularly in Norway, to develop their Arctic warfare skills.

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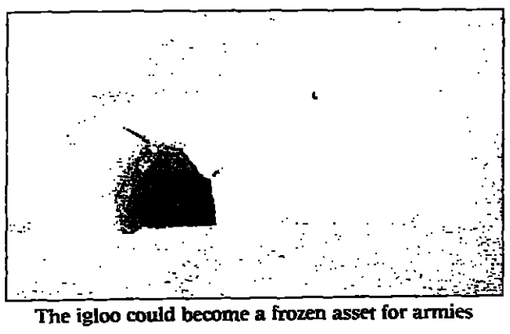

The igloo could become a frozen asset for armies

Jail chief took bribes in return for favours

By A Staff Reporter

A PRISON governor accepted bribes worth thousands of pounds in exchange for prison leave and parole for a wealthy prisoner serving 20 years for rape and fraud.

Trevor Phipps, who resigned as assistant governor at Leyhill prison, Gloucestershire, in 1992 after his arrest, accepted trips to America and London from Benham Nodjoumi, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

Phipps, 49, admitted the gifts, received over more than 18 months, were inducements for granting Nodjoumi, 49, prison leave, parole and "other favours".

The court was told Phipps and his wife Irene were treated to a trip to the United States by the wealthy conman, who picked up the bill for the return air tickets and hotel accommodation. He bought off the governor a second time with a trip to London to see a show, lavish restaurant meals and free accommodation.

Neil Butterfield QC, for the prosecution, said Nodjoumi used go-betweens to conduct the transactions, but they had never been traced and there was "no reasonable prospect" of them being brought to book.

He said: "It was thought there might be other defendants ... the agents of Nodjoumi whom he used to further the corruption of a prison governor."

Both Phipps and Nodjoumi, from London, pleaded guilty to corruption between February 14 1990 and September 20 1991. Judge Mrs M. C. A. Hagen adjourned sentencing to a later date and released the two men on bail.

Shipwrights scuttled in battle to save naval jobs

By Robin Young

SHIPWRIGHTS have been scuttled. Their job description, logged in the annals of English naval history even before the fleet-building days of King Alfred, has been mothballed at Portsmouth naval base, and will become extinct there when the present generation of shipwrights leave or retire.

The shipwright's fate has been sealed by changes to the Fleet Maintenance and Repair Organisation's apprenticeship scheme. The latest intake of apprentices is the first under the new system, by which the trades of shipwrights, boilermakers and blacksmiths are subsumed in the craft of the "plater-fabricator".

Portsmouth shipwrights built, and some later helped to restore, Henry VIII's prize warship, the *Mary Rose*. Early this century, they constructed the battleship *Dreadnought* in the record time of a year and a day.

The shipwrights' business was building ships, but ships have not been built at Portsmouth for nearly 30 years. Existing shipwrights handle general maintenance of ships but now they will also be trained to do jobs such as welding and drilling.

The aim is to make Portsmouth's workforce more flexible so that it stands a better chance of fending off competition from the private sector. The shift also reflects changes in the facts of shipbuilding life which might have been expected to leave the shipwrights stranded decades ago, since originally shipwrights were all carpenters.

The more prosaic and industrial-sounding boilermaker, famed though the name is in union history, is similarly bound for the breakers' yard because there are now only three navy ships still powered by boilers.

Dick Bennett, the General Municipal and Boilermakers Union representative at the Portsmouth base, said yesterday: "This is all about keeping jobs in the face of fierce competition. We are trying to maximise the employment of the constructive workers so that they are used to the fullest extent."

A former shipwright at the naval base, Brian Patterson, said: "This is the end of centuries of tradition. I and other shipwrights I have spoken to are disappointed." Mr Patterson, of Southsea, added: "The name has survived through many huge changes in the history of Portsmouth dockyard. I do not see any need for it to end now."

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Biggest survey since 1992 highlights disillusion with Government's performance

Labour eats into traditional core of Tory support

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Tories have suffered their largest losses to Labour in their traditional heartlands of the southern middle classes, according to the largest survey of public opinion since the last election.

Over the past six months Labour has also advanced strongly at the expense of the Liberal Democrats in their previous strongholds in the South West.

MORI, which conducts regular monthly polls for *The Times*, has aggregated its voting intention polls over the past year. This provides a total of over 52,000 which can be compared with the 22,700 interviewed in MORI's polls undertaken during the 1992 election campaign (adjusted to the final share of votes cast). This large aggregate provides greater insights into long-term trends and into the attitudes of particular groups of voters than is usually possible in the monthly polls.

The aggregate shows how the Tories have lost support, to an unprecedented extent, among their core voters. This underlines the extent of disillusion with the Government's performance.

Unlike previous periods of Tory unpopularity, there has been substantial switching by former supporters directly to Labour. In the past, former Tories have switched more to the Liberal Democrats than to Labour. But the latest MORI poll shows that some 16 per cent of those saying they voted Tory in 1992 now say they back Labour, with 14 per cent switching to the Liberal Democrats. Moreover, 23 per cent of those who say they voted Liberal Democrat in 1992 now support Labour. But there has been virtually no defection from Labour to either of the other two parties.

Robert Worcester of MORI says that the greatest swing away from the Conservatives to Labour has been in their heartlands — the middle aged, the middle classes, people in the South and readers of quality daily newspapers.

Since the 1992 election, there have been above-average swings of support from the Tories to Labour among those aged 35 to 54, the middle classes, in southern England outside London, in holiday resorts and farming constituencies, and among readers of *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Mail*, *The Sun* and *Today*. The swing is highest among readers of *Today*, in part reflecting a change in that paper's character to support for Labour.

Much of that traditional support may switch back to the Tories as a general election approaches. But particularly worrying for Tory party strategists at present is the depth of its unpopularity among traditional supporters and the absence of any sign of a pick-up despite the growing evidence of economic recovery.

Taking 1994 as whole, which irons out any temporary fluctuation, support for the Tories among the middle classes, now 43 per cent of the electorate, is substantially below the mid-term low points of past parliaments. The Tory rating in this group was 33 per cent last year, compared with 54 per cent at the 1992 election and 47 per cent in the first quarter of 1990, the Tory low point of the 1987-92 parliament. By contrast, Labour support in the middle classes has risen since the 1992 election from 22 to 41 per cent. Similarly, Tory support in the South, two-fifths of the electorate, is now a quarter below its previous low point five years ago. Between the 1992 election and last year the Tories' rating in the South fell from 46 to 29 per cent, while Labour advanced from 27 to 43 per cent.

Worcester: Tories losing middle-class voters

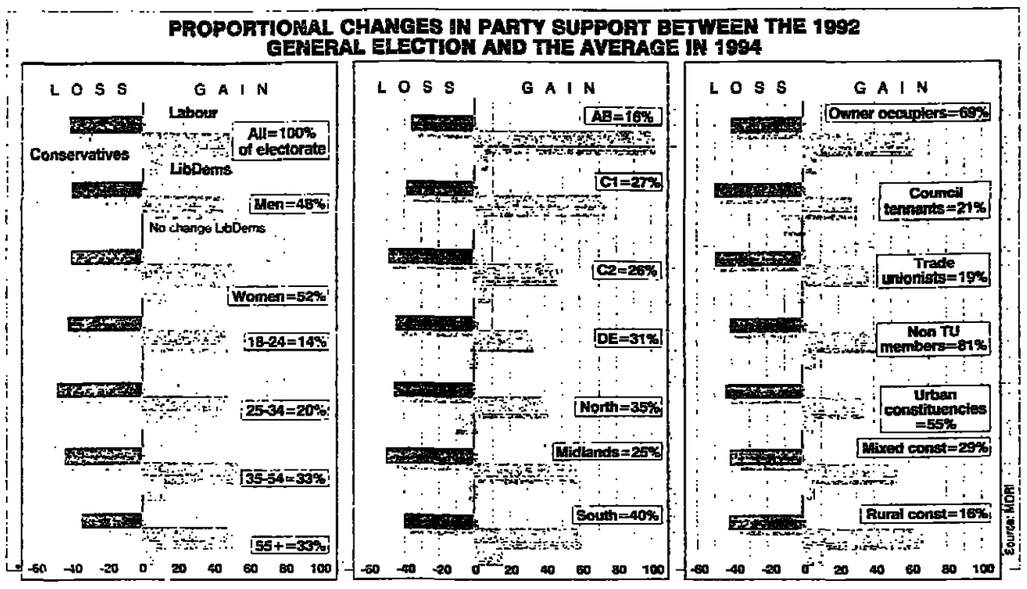
It is a similar pattern among other groups such as owner occupiers and readers of quality newspapers. Labour has gained largely at the expense of the Tories, but also more recently by squeezing support for the Liberal Democrats to below its 1992 election level.

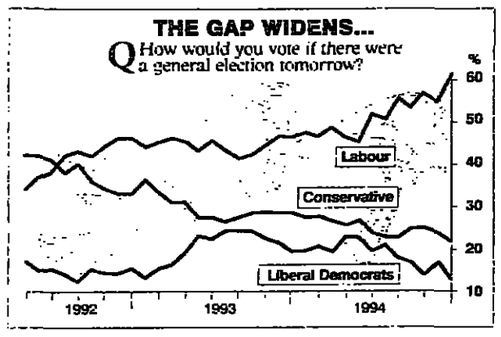
Among the findings is that the Liberal Democrats have lost support since 1992, particularly among women and people aged 35 to 54, groups where Labour has performed strongly.

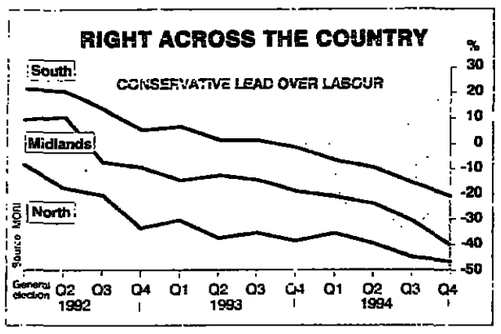
Equally worrying for the Liberal Democrats is their recent loss of support in the South West, where their main hope of winning seats lies. Support for the party rose from 31 per cent in the region at the general election to a peak of 45 per cent in the second quarter of 1993, staying at about 40 per cent for the following 12 months, before falling back to 29 per cent in the last three months of 1994. The main gainer in recent months has been Labour, whose support rose from 32 to 44 per cent in the South West between the second and fourth quarters of last year, compared with 19 per cent at the 1992 election.

In Greater London, Labour has risen from 37 per cent at the 1992 election to 59 per cent by the end of last year, almost entirely at the expense of the Tories.

□ *MORI interviewed 52,161 adults face-to-face during 1994. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Party support figures exclude those who said they would not vote (9 per cent), were undecided (6 per cent) or refused to name a party (3 per cent).*







Man jailed for pulling out baby's toenails

A GUARDSMAN who used pliers to tear out a baby's toenails was jailed for six years yesterday at Exeter Crown Court.

Michael Pikesley, 25, whose duties included guarding Buckingham Palace, had been commended for his work with children while serving in Bosnia. Pikesley, of Honiton, Devon, was also jailed for an extra four months for "excessively smacking" the child in an incident ten months earlier.

His commanding officer, Major Brian Mather, told the court: "He showed a lot of compassion in Bosnia towards children." However, within two days of arriving back in England for Christmas leave in 1993 he pulled out two of the 16-month-old boy's toenails while babysitting. An hour after the attack, he played "This Little Piggy Went to Market" on the child's toes.

Judge Graham Neville said: "This was not temper at work but sadism — the desire to hurt other human beings. It must have hurt him agonisingly. You wanted to inflict extreme pain on that baby." Pikesley had denied causing grievous harm with intent. The child has made a complete recovery.

Fire death killers 'were after father'

THE murderers of a mother who was kidnapped and burnt to death may have been looking for her common-law husband, detectives said yesterday. Tracy Mertens, 31, of Rochdale, was found burning alive in a church graveyard in Eaton, Cheshire, the day before Christmas Eve.

Detectives believe that Miss Merten's killers were searching for Joey Cavanagh, 31, the father of her two children. Det Supt Mick Holland said the killers may have been trying to make her tell where he was. "There could be a hundred reasons why they were looking for Mr Cavanagh," he said. "We are looking at all possibilities."

Londoners may be given right to elect capital government by PR

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

THE people of London could be given the opportunity to elect their own government by proportional representation under plans for a Greater London Authority to be introduced by Labour in office.

A "linear city" stretching from Heathrow to the eastern Docklands and taking in the core inner boroughs, or an enlarged "greater London" using the M25 as a new boundary, are the most far-reaching options in a paper drawn up by Frank Dobson and Nick Raynsford, the party's environment and London spokesmen, for consultation within the party.

The idea of an authority elected by PR, mirroring Labour's plans for a Scottish parliament, is suggested as a means of bringing some stability and strategic long-term planning to the governing of London while avoiding the charge that a linear city authority elected on the existing first-past-the-post system would be permanently Labour-controlled.

Mr Raynsford stressed yesterday that the paper proposed five options and did not favour any of them. That would be determined by the functions given to the authority. He said that if transport and planning were regarded as the main functions, there was a case for enlarging the boundary of London to the M25. But if the main focus was economic there was a case for considering a core corridor or linear city. The other options were the old GLC boundary, the former London County Council and a new London and South East region. It is clear that the idea of a linear city linking into the East Thames corridor, promoted by Michael Heseltine and supported by the Channel Tunnel high-speed line into east London, has strong support among Labour front-benchers and advisers. Powers would cover economic development, land use, transport, planning, fire, civil defence and the police. Housing and education would remain the responsibility of the boroughs. Outer London boroughs, such as Harrow, Barnet and Richmond upon Thames, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton, would be excluded.

Mr Raynsford said: "This is an options paper to form the basis of consultations before we draw up our policy before the general election. But everyone, apart from the Conservatives, now accepts the need for London to have it own voice. Business and industrial leaders, in particular, are keen."

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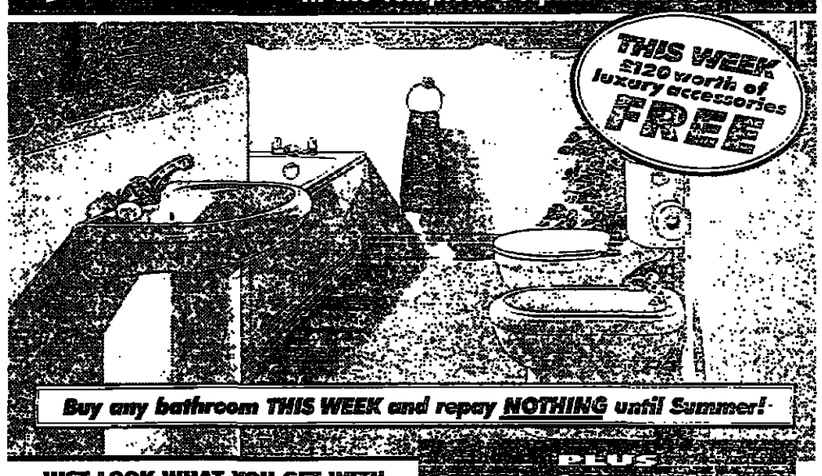

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Investors lose £800m in old accounts to subsidise new savers

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ABOUT 20 million savers are being deprived of an average of £40 a year by banks and building societies, according to the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?*

It is claimed that savers are losing out because their money is invested in low-interest accounts closed to new customers. *Which?* says that in effect existing customers are being used to subsidise higher rates offered to attract new savers.

It quotes the Leeds Building Society, which has scrapped its obsolete accounts and transferred customers to better-paying accounts, as estimating that 20 million savers with other banks and building societies are losing a total of £800 million a year as a result. The amount is likely to increase, the magazine points out, as interest rates rise.

Which? says that 1.3 million savers with the Woolwich Building Society's obsolete Share Account, which pays only 1 per cent interest, could be more than five times better off by switching to the society's Prime Gold Account, which pays up to 5.3 per cent interest.

The magazine, published today, also found that Abbey National's obsolete Saver and Seven Day accounts paid only 0.2 per cent interest, giving annual interest of just £2 before tax on a deposit of £1,000. Other accounts paying as little as 0.25 per cent interest include the Co-operative Bank Deposit Account, Bristol & West's Triple Bonus and Birmingham Midshires' Share, Premier 90 and Premium Access accounts.

Murphy: onus on savers to check interest rates

Each 1 per cent difference in the annual rate is worth £100 before tax in the first year on a deposit of £10,000. If that amount were kept in an account paying 6 per cent for five years, instead of one paying 8 per cent, the difference in interest received would be £1,311 before tax.

Which? says banks and building societies should automatically transfer savers in obsolete accounts to equivalent or better accounts being offered to new investors, or ensure that the same rate of interest is paid on accounts broadly similar in their terms. "Failure to do this has never been justified," the magazine says.

It wants Brian Murphy, the building societies ombudsman, to insist that institutions compensate customers fully for lost interest when they have failed to draw attention to better terms available in more recently introduced accounts.

Mr Murphy has taken the view that the onus is on savers to keep up to date with interest rates, and does not think it necessary for customers to be individually notified of interest rate changes and new accounts which may leave their existing accounts at a disadvantage.

A couple with an obsolete Nationwide Bonus Builder Account visited branches of Nationwide seven times without being advised to change to a higher-paying account. The ombudsman backed Nationwide's refusal to compensate the couple for interest lost in the period after the society had started displaying rates of interest on obsolete accounts in its branches.

Pierce Brosnan, the next James Bond, and his step-daughter Charlotte at the opening of the winter sale

James Bond: licensed to open Harrods

NOT even the wail of Scots pipers could lure more than a handful of pre-dawn bargain-hunters to Harrods yesterday for the first day of the 101st winter sale (Joe Joseph writes). By 9am, however, when shoppers were let in by Pierce Brosnan, 41, the new James Bond, and Mohammed Al Fayed, the store's colourful owner, the queue was snaking 100 yards down the road into Knightsbridge, and numbered a little over 1,000. As Brosnan headed for the oyster and champagne bar, the gangs of photographers and camera crews who turn up each year, at least in part for the lavish breakfast and gift that Mr Al Fayed lays on for the media, searched in vain for the fabled frenzied tussles. Move? You could amble, actually, though Harrods says business was as good as ever, that the tills were ringing up £1 million an hour and that one man splashed out £300 on socks.

Mariko Tawara was one of scores of Japanese in the shop. While her husband earnt yen in the Nippon Credit Bank in the City, she was eyeing some Wedgwood crockery reduced to an improbable £161.50 per dinner plate and £768 per vegetable dish.

Monkey business and the calm sex

BY NICK NUTTALL

A CLUE to why females tend to be less aggressive than males may have been provided by a 25-year scientific study of baboons.

Hot-tempered females tend to suffer more miscarriages and are less fertile than their more even-tempered sisters. The findings, published in *Nature* today, indicate that there is a strong evolutionary advantage for females to remain calm and collected if they want to pass on their genes to the next generation.

One of the scientists involved said: "Reproductive failure may serve as a widespread constraint on traits that promote antagonism. The rarity of mammalian species with such hyperaggressive females suggests that these constraints must be formidable."

The conclusions have come from studies of baboons in Gombe, Tanzania, by researchers at the Gombe Stream research institute and the University of Minnesota.

High-ranking female baboons, who make life a misery for their lowly sisters, get the pick of the food and the opportunity to mate more often. In theory aggression should mean they produce more offspring. But the research indicates that the more aggressive a female becomes the higher the "significant reproductive costs".

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In today's refresher column I want to describe the various different types of scoring used in bridge.

Chicago: I'm sure you are all familiar with normal rubber bridge scoring, but increasingly bridge clubs play "Chicago". In this form of the game each rubber is restricted to four hands. The deal rotates as normal. On the first hand no one is vulnerable, on the second and third hands the dealer's side is not vulnerable and the opponents are vulnerable. (Some clubs play the second and third hand vulnerabilities the other way round.) On the last hand everyone is vulnerable.

Each hand is scored separately (but part-scores are carried forward). Non-vulnerable games score 300 points, vulnerable games score 500 points. Small slams have a bonus of 500 and 750 respectively, and grand slams a bonus of 1,000 and 1,500. A part score made on the last deal has a bonus of 100 points.

Team matches: in matches between two teams, each deal or "board" is played twice. The "board" is a device used to preserve the North, South, East and West hands. The cards played are kept in front of the individual players, and returned to the board at the end of play. At the first table team A is North-South and its opponents East-West, and *vice versa* at the second table. The points scored on the deal are calculated as for Chicago (except that part-scores are not carried forward, and score a bonus of 50 points).

It is usual to convert the difference in total points scored on the individual boards to International Match Points ("IMPs"), although some competitions are determined by the raw total points. The main effect of the conversion to IMPs is to dampen large swings — for example a difference of 20 total points is 1 IMP, 200 total points is 5 IMPs, and 2,000 total points 19 IMPs. The idea is to avoid having a match decided by one lucky board.

Pairs tournaments: in these tournaments each deal is played several times. For each deal the scores at the various tables are ranked. The pairs are given two **match points** for each pair sitting in the same direction (ie North-South or East-West) that they beat. (Confusingly, these "match points" have nothing to do with "IMPs").

So if there were five tables in a Pairs event, the best North-South score (or "top") on a deal would get eight match points — the best pair has beaten four other pairs. As this would clearly be the worst East-West score, East-West at that table would score no points (a "bottom").

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hot pursuit

With two rounds of play remaining in the Vera Menchik memorial tournament in Hastings, the defending champion John Nunn is still in hot pursuit of Thomas Luther, his fellow grandmaster and German rival.

All games of round seven were drawn which means that going into the finishing straight, Luther has 5.5 points from 7 games to Nunn's 4.5. In round six, Nunn won the following fine game against Britain's top woman player, Susan Lalic.

White: John Nunn
Black: Susan Lalic
Hastings, January 1995

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	e5	Nfd7
5	f4	c5
6	Nf3	Nc6
7	Be3	cxd4
8	Nxd4	Bc5
9	Qd2	0-0
10	0-0-0	a6
11	h4	Bxd4
12	Bxd4	b5
13	Rh3	Qa5
14	Kb1	b4
15	Ne2	Nc5
16	Bg1	Ne4
17	Qe1	Rb8
18	Nc1	Qc7
19	h5	Bb7
20	Bc2	Rfc8
21	h6	g6
22	Nb3	a5
23	Bxe4	dxe4
24	Nc5	Rd8
25	Nxe4	Ne7
26	Nf6+	Kh8
27	Rhd3	Rxd3
28	Rxd3	Rd8
29	Qd2	Rxd3
30	Qxd3	Nd5
31	Nxd5	Bxd5
32	Qb5	Bc6
33	Qb6	Qxb6
34	Bxb6	a4
35	b3	axb3
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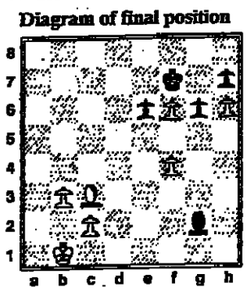
40	Bc3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Veteran's exploit

In the Challengers Section, also after seven rounds, the Russian grandmaster David Bronstein has moved into a share of the lead. In 1951 Bronstein challenged Botvinnik for the world championship and managed to tie the match at 12 points each. Bronstein was born in 1924.

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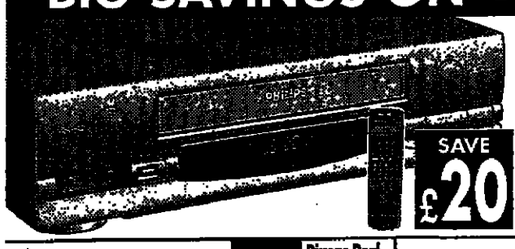

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Passions run high as stadium tragedy trial commences

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRENCH commandos stood by in Corsica yesterday as 12 officials went on trial, amid a wave of local murders and banditry, for their part in the disaster of the Bastia football stadium collapse in 1992.

Relatives of the 17 dead and survivors from the 2,357 injured packed the city theatre for a video relay from the court. Armoured glass shielded the 12 who are charged with manslaughter or fraud and negligence. However, missing from the dock was the chief accused, Jean-François Filippi, the former president of the Bastia Sporting Club, was shot dead on December 26 in the penultimate of Corsica's 39 murders of 1994, a rate six times that of the mainland.

The latest surge of violence and brigandry in the turbulent island is seen as closely linked to the alleged greed, corruption and political rivalry which drove the Bastia club, businessmen and officials to set the scene for inevitable disaster in May 1992. Only days after the collapse, seen live on television, investigators blamed most of the accused for hastily ordering the construction of a scaffolding grandstand. The edifice was designed and built in the week before Bastia was to face Olympique de Marseilles in the French cup semi-final. All normal procedures and safety precautions were neglected as a "mafia" of local interests knocked up the new stand, which was to seat 10,000 of the spectators who flocked to the stadium at Furiani, south of Bastia, the inquiry found. "The collapse was inevitable", the official report said.

The collapse inflicted further misery on the 230,000 population of an island which has long suffered the consequences of a culture given to political separatism and blood feuds. The trial has focused attention on the failure of successive governments to calm the violence which has relegated Corsica to the status of an underdeveloped territory. Recently, Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister and a Corsican by origin, exchanged messages with the "historic FLNC", the most violent wing of the banned nationalist movement. Older nationalists say the group, dominated by trigger-happy youths, is responsible more for gangsterism than rebellion and accuse M Pasqua of manipulating it to eradicate the independence movement.

The pro-government *Le Figaro* said yesterday: "If we do not want to accept Corsica becoming a mafia society, it is time for the state to stop hiding its face and to start applying the laws of the Republic there ... It is more than time for the population to put an end to the law of silence which is only encouraging banditry and terrorism."

France to tighten security in Algeria

FROM AFP IN PARIS

FRANCE is to take extra security measures to protect its embassy and consulates in Algeria and the air and sea links with its former colony in the wake of the hijacking of a French airliner by Algerian Islamic guerrillas, according to Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister.

He said yesterday that French security experts would go to Algeria soon to look at security at Houari Boumediene airport, Algiers, where the hijack of an Air France Airbus 300 began on December 24. New measures at France's embassy and consulate will also be studied.

The German Government said yesterday that Germany, Britain and the United States should co-operate to find a common response or joint action to an ultimatum on Tuesday from the radical Armed Islamic Group for them to close their embassies in Algeria within four days or face the death "in cold blood" of all non-Muslims.

The Gauloise-tinged voice of Serge Sauvion, left, has kept Peter Falk's *Columbo* a French hero for 25 years

French dubbing actors throw down the script

BY CHARLES BREMNER

IF *Frankenstein* sounded Belgian when the film opened in Paris last night, the French have only their unions to blame. With other movies and dozens of soap operas, Kenneth Branagh's film was taken hostage in a 10-week strike by the French actors who dub foreign entertainment into the language of Molière.

The dubbers' strike was suspended on Tuesday pending a judge's mediation, leaving actors and distributors to count the cost of a bitter dispute which has produced death threats, a hunger strike, and a dilemma for a Government eager to hold back the Hollywood stampede over the Gallic industry.

In dispute is a claim for royalties by about 600 performers whose names mean little but whose voices are known to France as those of the megastars from Schwarzenegger to Stone or television heroes from J. R Ewing to Columbo. Paid 34 francs (£4) a line, the "voices" say they want respect and a slice of the billions of francs earned by video sales.

Like everything else involving the Seventh Art in France, it has been taken seriously. Jacques Toubon, the Culture Minister, has stepped in to assure the voices that they enjoy the status of performing artists rather than extras.

The dubbing actors say that their skill is as noble as those of the faces they double. Since 90 per cent of French audiences choose the dubbed version to subtitles, they point out that neither Jerry Lewis nor Woody Allen would have made it as great Gallic stars had Jacques Dynam and Bernard Murat not given them voice. In rare cases, the dubbers are celebrities. Gérard Depardieu, for example, was once John Travolta, and he stood in for Branagh in *Henry V*. Depardieu is one of a dozen local stars who have respected the dubbers' picket.

Edgar Givry, who is William Hurt and Jeremy Irons and was due to play Robert de Niro as Frankenstein, even places the *doubleur* above the original. "In the *commedia dell'arte* or Greek tragedy, the actors played in masks," he notes. "The main instrument was the voice. If the eyes are the windows of the soul, the voice is its door."

For the French release, the *Frankenstein* distributors went to Brussels for the job. Other new films have missed the holiday season, and television has been forced to run repeats of much-loved hits.

The companies which dub hundreds of films and thousands of television hours a year are accusing the actors of greed, which has forced them near bankruptcy. "It beggars belief when you realise that their salaries are between 20,000 and 50,000 francs a month and the strike leaders are at the top of the pyramid," says Philippe Taieb, head of Dubbing Brother, the biggest company.

The actors are playing the patriotic card. Serge Sauvion, whose Gauloise-tinged voice has kept Peter Falk's *Columbo* a French hero for 25 years, says cheap rebroadcasting not only deprives French actors of an income but uses time that could be devoted to the transmission of new French films.

Many in the film business have little sympathy, however, given the ever-swelling call for the *doubleurs*. Recent figures show that 1993 was the most miserable so far for the once proud French industry. Only 30 per cent of the box office went to native films, with almost all the rest going to the Americans.

Franco-German coolness dominates EU agenda

FROM GEORGE BROCK AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

AUSTRIA, Finland and Sweden rang in the new year this week by joining the European Union, raising its membership to 15.

However, the key to European integration in the run-up to next year's inter-governmental conference lies less on the fringes of an expanded EU than in the increasing coolness between its two core members: France and Germany.

In the early months of last year the Governments of France and Germany trumpeted the fact that they would take the chair of the EU for two successive six-month turns and run an activist "joint" presidency of the Union. Bold agendas would be pushed, problems solved and Britain would often be isolated.

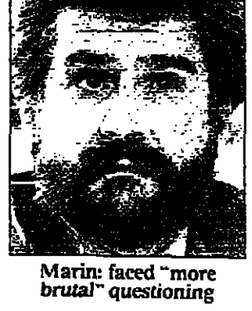
At the half-way mark, as Germany hands over the baton to France this week, the performance of the "joint" presidency has fallen far short of its promise. No French or German politician has used the phrase for months.

All eyes are now on France, which elects a new President in early May. Federalist hopes have already been dashed by Jacques Delors's decision not to run. If the President turns out to be Edouard Balladur, the present Prime Minister, however, the French drive towards a single currency will hardly slacken pace at all. If Jacques Chirac beats him to the Elysée, the fervour will be more muted.

German politicians, however, see things differently. Last year Karl Lamers, the leading Christian Democrat spokesman on Europe in the Bundestag, set out the requirements for the political union that would be needed to underpin a monetary union. His vision of a future EU taking decisions on war and peace, immigration, tax and welfare by majority vote is violently unwelcome in France.

In the meantime, the European Parliament held US Senate-style confirmation hearings of the new European Commissioners yesterday, in a symbolic display of the powers granted under the Maastricht Treaty.

The procedure began with three candidates, who included Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the Economics Commissioner-designate. He used his first public appearance to call for



Marin: faced "more brutal" questioning

the final stage of economic and monetary union as early 1997. The forthright views of M de Silguy, who will hold one of the most controversial portfolios in the new Commission, promise conflict with the British and the German Governments, which both favour a more cautious and economically conservative approach.

The hearings, which will last until Tuesday, are largely symbolic because the European Parliament does not have to right to vote on individual commissioners: it must content itself with a single block vote on the entire Commission, scheduled for January 18.

M de Silguy held out a "Big Bang" scenario for the introduction of the single currency, under which the European currency unit (ecu) would become the single unit of transaction on a given date, probably one or two years after the beginning of the final stage of monetary union. He said that would require preparatory work by the European Monetary Institute, which was set up last year as a front-runner institution to a future European central bank.

In the hearing concerning Manuel Marin, Commissioner-designate in charge of the southern Mediterranean and Latin American, the MEPs were urged by the committee chairman to ask more lively and "more brutal" questions. Marcellino Oreja, re-nominated as Spanish Commissioner in charge of institutional affairs, and the third commissioner to face MEPs questions yesterday, took over ten minutes, including anecdotes and digression, before he failed to answer the simple question whether he was in favour of reducing the number of commissioners before the next round of enlargement.

Sir Leon Brittan, renominated as Trade Commissioner, will face the foreign affairs committee today and Neil Kinnock, the Transport Commissioner-designate, will appear before the economics committee next Tuesday.

☐ **Bratislava:** Slovakia will submit its application for entry to the EU before the end of the year, a government official said yesterday. The country has an association agreement with the EU, but Brussels has set no target date for full membership. *(Reuter)*

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OSCE ministers to hold emergency talks on Chechenia

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe is to hold an emergency meeting next week to discuss ways of helping to stop the fighting in Chechenia.

The decision comes amid increasing concern in the West at the bloody conflict in the breakaway republic and after strong pressure by France on Moscow for an explanation of its actions. Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, urged France's European Union partners yesterday to demand that President Yeltsin respect the code of conduct Russia signed at last month's summit in Budapest of the OSCE, the pan-European security organisation previously known as the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The 53-member OSCE will meet next Thursday to discuss the fighting and may decide to send a fact-finding mission to Russia. Normally such missions can begin work only at the invitation of the state concerned, but the organisation is also empowered to investigate a dispute if neighbouring countries say their security is imperilled.

Britain strongly supports the French initiative and has been in close touch over Chechenia with the French, who hold the presidency of the European Union. The Foreign Office said no formal approach had been made to Moscow, but Sir Brian Fall, the British Ambassador to Moscow, has expressed Britain's deep concern to the Russian leadership.

M Juppé made a veiled threat in a radio interview yesterday that France and other Western nations might halt their aid to Russia if the Kremlin continues its assault. Although he conceded that Chechenia was a Russian internal affair, M Juppé said: "We have given a lot of money to Russia and we have pledged to back its candidature for the Council of Europe." The American State Department said the Administration had expressed concern about the tactics used, and criticised the Russian Army for "indiscriminate use of force in individual instances".

United Nations officials in Geneva expressed frustration at the bureaucratic delays holding up the sending of an expert team to Russia to set up a programme to aid Chechen refugees. Pakistan, reflecting the rising anger in the Muslim world at the attack on co-religionists in Chechenia, said that the carnage and destruction could lead to a worsening of the conflict and its spread throughout the Caucasus.

The fear that the conflict might involve other Muslim parts of the former Soviet Union is one of the main concerns of Western leaders. They do not want to see a dismantling of the Russian Federation or any exacerbation of the poor relations between the Muslim world and the West, strained as they are by conflicts in Bosnia and Algeria.

Chechen leaders have called on fellow Muslims along Russia's southern border to come to their aid and thousands of volunteers are flooding in from the turbulent North Caucasus. Muslim leaders in neighbouring Ingushetia and Dagestan have denounced the Russian onslaught and there are fears in Moscow that the appeal to Muslim solidarity will boost the independence movements in Tatarstan and Bashkiria, two autonomous republics to the east of Moscow that have been agitating for an end to rule by Moscow.

The fighting in Chechenia might also embolden the Islamic fundamentalist opponents of the Government in Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic that relies on Russian troops to guard its border with Afghanistan. Dozens of Russian soldiers have been killed repelling attacks by Islamist Tajik exiles who have taken refuge in Afghanistan.

Many Russians are also worried that if the Chechen conflict becomes a more generalised struggle between the Russians and its Muslim neighbours, there will be an increasing danger of ethnic conflict in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizia, Azerbaijan and elsewhere between Russians and Muslims.

Jobless total is put at 5m

Moscow: Unemployment in Russia is more than three times the official figure and will soon be the country's greatest social problem, Gennadi Melikyan, the Labour and Employment Minister, told Tass news agency yesterday. Around 1.5 million people in Russia are officially registered as unemployed, but Mr Melikyan maintained that the real figure was around 5.1 million. *(Reuter)*

Chechen civilians pass a destroyed Russian armoured personnel carrier as they flee central Grozny during yesterday's fighting

War threatens to derail economic reform

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE cost of waging a bloody and destructive war in Chechenia could ruin the prospects for essential economic reforms due to be introduced in Russia this year.

Three weeks into the siege of Grozny, it has become clear that tens of billions of extra roubles will have to be found to pay for the military operation and the enormous amount of work necessary to rebuild the shattered Chechen capital.

Before the military offensive was launched against the breakaway republic in the Caucasus, the Russian Government under Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, had announced that 1995 would be the year that Russia introduced serious reforms aimed at reducing the budget, bringing down inflation and encouraging the private sector.

However, Yevgeni Yasin, the Economics Minister, agreed last week that the impact of the war in Chechenia could seriously hurt prospects for an economic recovery this year. Exact figures for the operation so far have not been released by the Government, although sending 40,000 troops, rebuilding a city for 400,000 people and repairing Grozny's oil refinery will not be cheap.

Izvestia's view of the conflict

Most estimates put the price of the military action at 100 billion roubles (£18 million) a day and the cost of rebuilding Chechenia's shattered economy at three trillion roubles (£540 million). "There will come a time when it will be impossible to maintain our economic stabilisation programme and at the same time carry out these [military] operations. At some time we will have to give something up," Mr Yasin said. "I have to admit that 1995 will be a very difficult year."

Two central pillars of the Government's economic policy for this year have been undermined by the war. First, the pledge to bring inflation down from its present level of about 15 per cent to 3 per cent seems almost impossible in the present circumstances. Moreover this year's budget, which envisaged reducing spending on the military, will have to be redrawn to account for the increased expenditure.

Even the Government's few supporters in parliament concede that the conflict in Chechenia could seriously damage Russia's slow moves towards economic reform, particularly if the military operations are drawn out over weeks and months.

Boris Fyodorov, the former Finance Minister, who has backed the military action to remove General Dzhokhar Dudayev from power in Chechenia, said that the present budget for this year was "unrealistic and doomed".

An economic downturn, combined with the present political instability in Moscow, could scare off future foreign investment in Russia and undermine a £4-billion standy-by loan that is being negotiated between the Kremlin and the International Monetary Fund.

"There are two ways to come up with money, both of which amount to cutting off the branch on which the entire Russian economy is sitting," Vladimir Buyev, a researcher at the Centre for Economic Reform in Moscow, said.

He added that either the Government would have to print more money, which would lead to a serious devaluation of the rouble and spiralling inflation, or it would be forced to reduce the amount of resources allocated to other areas of the Russian economy.

Either way, President Yeltsin's war in a remote part of the Caucasus is likely this year to affect every Russian citizen financially, a fact that the Kremlin chief cannot afford to overlook as his public support continues to shrink.

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Arabs and Israelis in last-ditch talks to save peace plan

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI and Palestinian leaders will hold a crisis summit next week, that both Arab and Israeli officials predict will be a last-ditch attempt to rescue the peace process.

At stake is the implementation of the vital and delayed second stage of the accord. This relates to the calling of elections and territory.

The mutual distrust increased yesterday when bulldozers began digging the foundations of an extended Jewish settlement on contested land near the occupied town of Bethlehem, and Israeli troops and Palestinian police exchanged fire in the Gaza Strip for the second time in less than 48 hours.

According to senior Israeli officers, the Palestinian police opened fire on an Israeli patrol close to the Erez crossing point only hours after Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, called on the Palestine Liberation Organisation's police force to avenge the killing of three of their uniformed colleagues by Israeli troops on Monday night.

In a second incident about half a mile away, the Israeli army opened fire on a car carrying armed Palestinians inside the newly autonomous area. A Palestinian police official said that two policemen and two Arab civilians were wounded in the shooting incidents which forced a renewed closure of the exposed border post at Erez.

As the shooting erupted between the two forces, which are supposed to co-operate to protect 120,000 Jewish settlers living in the West Bank, new Palestinian street demonstrations against alleged Israeli seizure of Palestinian land broke out in the occupied town of el-Bireh, close to Ramallah. The protests came as the vexed issue of settlements, theoretically deferred until next year, emerged as the main new obstacle to further progress in the virtually-deadlocked Middle East peace negotiations.

The Arab demonstrators in el-Bireh angrily claimed that the Israeli authorities had confiscated last week 1,250 acres of their territory to build a new road to the Jewish settlements of Adam and Ofra.

Radical Palestinians opposed to the peace process have been quick to seize on the emotive land issue as a new weapon to whip up public feeling against the negotiations. Yesterday both the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the left-wing Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine announced that next Friday, had been declared a day of "national confrontation against Israeli land settlement and land confiscation" throughout the West Bank.

That call to action, seen as certain to provoke violent confrontation with the settlers, was followed by another announcement by a group calling itself "The Committee for the Defence of Land in Ramallah" that a mass demonstration will take place the next day to protest against the alleged seizures of land by the Israelis from several villages in the Bethlehem and Ramallah areas. So far, the Palestinian Authority has been unable to defuse the escalation of popular Arab feeling on the issue.

Azmi Shuaibi, a Minister in Yassir Arafat's 24-member Palestinian Authority, announced that it was now considering establishing grassroots' land defence committees throughout the West Bank to "put an end to sufficing with mere negotiations" on the explosive issue.

Nabil Shaath, in announcing next week's crucial summit between Mr Arafat, the PLO leader, and his two fellow Nobel Peace laureates, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, gave an outspoken warning that the peace process, begun in Washington 15 months ago, is now close to stalling completely. He said he would refuse to take part if Israel did not free more prisoners soon.

Bulldozers start work on extending the settlement at Efrat, near Bethlehem, further escalating bitter distrust in the area

Britain reviews Bahrain's defence

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

NICHOLAS Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, yesterday held talks with the Emir of Bahrain to discuss military co-operation and regional stability in the Gulf.

Mr Soames, who arrived on Tuesday for an annual meeting of the Anglo-Bahrain defence committee, also reviewed with Shaikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa the attempt by the Gulf states to pool their defence efforts in the wake of the recent renewed threat by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to Kuwait.

Mr Soames's visit comes only weeks after widespread arrests in Bahrain of opposition activists demonstrating for greater democracy. Most have been released after being charged with public order offences.

The committee looks at ways in which the two countries can strengthen their military ties, with Bahraini training programmes in Britain and British military exercises in Bahrain.

Settlers vow to stay on Golan

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

SETTLERS on the Golan Heights have conducted an emotional campaign against what they regard as betrayal by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Their message is everywhere, on car stickers in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and settlements across the area: "Rabin does not have a mandate for concessions on the Golan"; "Peace *with* the Golan"; "The people are with the Golan."

"We are not moving from the Golan," said Maria Van Meter, a member of the Golan Residents' Committee, who came with her husband from California to Israel 11 years ago.

Mrs Van Meter is typical of the trenchant opponents of a "land-for-peace" deal with Syria that grows less improbable by the day. The Heights, she argues, are vital to Israel's defence and water needs.

Yet the real attachment is visceral. Ilit Eitam, mother of eight children and a member of an Orthodox community, argues that the Golan "is a symbol of the deep spiritual crisis which is passing through Israel".

"We are fighting for more than just our homes, our orchards, and our children," she said. "We are fighting for the very spirit of Zionism and Judaism. The people of Isreal know this, and we on the Golan trust and have faith in them."

She is right: no single issue has attracted as much unambiguous support across the Jewish state as the Golan. "Ours is a clean and pure problem," Mrs Eitam argues. "We are not like the West Bank."

That is a view shared by all on the Golan, and by many in Israel. Mik Jago, a cartoonist from London who settled on his kibbutz in 1967, agrees. He insists that most Golan settlers are secular. In a dig at West Bank settlements, he said that "living here always meant working the land, not usurping someone else's rights".

Politically, too, the Golan settlers are very different from their more Messianic counterparts in, say, Efrat, scene of the latest confrontation between settlers and Palestinians.

Most Golan settlers voted for the Labour Party in the last elections, and those who did not voted for the left-wing Meretz Party.

Mr Rabin's efforts to conclude a peace treaty with Syria is to them as baffling as it is outrageous.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Briton says drug planted

Manila: Nigel Gatward, a Briton facing a possible death sentence if convicted of heroin smuggling, filed a complaint accusing Philippines customs police of planting the drug on him.

Mr Gatward, a cellular phone salesman from Clapham, south London, said in a four-page complaint that ten customs police had no valid reason to detain him when he was arrested at Manila airport as a suspected drug courier last September. "Their so-called black bag (containing the heroin) was planted against me," Mr Gatward said in his affidavit released to reporters.

"They deprived me of my freedom and pictured me as a member of an international drug syndicate," he maintained. *(Reuter)*

Scalfaro ill

Rome: Illness forced President Scalfaro to suspend talks on Italy's political stalemate as speculation grew that he may appoint Francesco Cossiga, former head of state, as prime minister. *(Reuter)*

Pirating ban

Peking: The Chinese Government ordered a national boycott of pirated goods, intensifying a campaign aimed at averting a trade war with America over theft of copyright. *(Reuter)*

Naval order

Taipei: China has ordered three Kilo-class attack submarines from Russia to rejuvenate its naval fleet, it was reported here. The £500-million deal is to be conducted in barter trade. *(AFP)*

Tragic link

Seoul: South Korea will turn a section of a collapsed commuter bridge here into a memorial warning against shoddy construction, engraved with the names of the 32 victims killed last year. *(AFP)*

Hijack halted

Khartoum: Sudanese special forces arrested a soldier who said he had hijacked an aircraft carrying 36 people because it was the only way he could get his wife to Cairo. *(Reuter)*

Dolphins freed

Sydney: A team of marine experts and volunteers freed 15 starving dolphins that had been trapped for more than two weeks in a lagoon on the South Pacific island state of Vanuatu. *(Reuter)*

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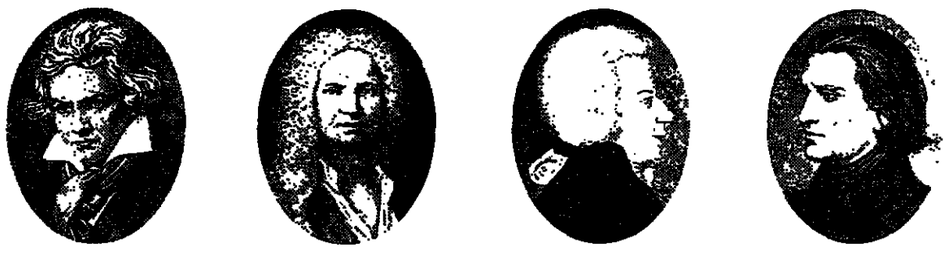

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UN presses ahead with plan to send 1.5m Hutus home

FROM TOM WALKER IN KIGALI

THE United Nations is finalising plans made jointly with Zaire and Tanzania which it hopes will lead to the return of one and a half million Hutus to Rwanda over the next five months.

The Governments in both Kinshasa and Dar es Salaam have lost patience with the sprawling refugee camps on their borders, while the fledgeling Rwandan Government knows it can only gain international credibility, and assistance, with the displaced Hutus back on home soil.

Shaharyar Khan, the UN's special envoy to Rwanda, is touring the refugee camps around Ngara in northwest Tanzania. Over the new year he was in Zaire to address the more complex issue of the camps around Goma, where the menace of Hutu extremists, or *interahamwe*, is as strong as ever.

The UN and the Zairean authorities have come to a tentative agreement that the Goma camps, where there are 750,000 refugees, should be policed by a force of 2,500 Zairean troops, backed up by 125 UN specialists. Zaire wants the camps cleared by May, when elections are due.

Randolf Kent, spokesman for the UN's emergency office in Rwanda, admitted "there are a lot of uncertainties" about the plan, but said the Zairean Government was "very anxious" to get the refugees away from the Lake Kivu area.

"No one even knows if we have the logistical capability to carry out this operation," he said. Up to 7,500 refugees per day would have to be transported back to Rwanda.

Refugees scared of reprisals at home by the Rwandan Patriotic Front could go to a "security corridor" in Rwanda, which would be patrolled by UN troops.

The UN has been encouraged by the relative success of the so-called "Operation Retour" within Rwanda, which has seen displaced Hutus returning to their home communes. Initially the operation, focused on the former French-occupied zone in the southwest, was deemed a failure. But early this week more than 1,000 refugees per day were boarding UN trucks. "It's likely that these camps will not be open in three weeks to a month," a UN spokesman said.

Bringing in the potentially armed and dangerous refugees from outside the country will be a much trickier operation, however, and the Kigali Government is already bracing itself. This week it closed its borders and recalled all Rwandan franc bank notes, replacing them with bills of a new design. The move is aimed at preventing the Hutu extremist "government in exile" returning with the 50 billion Rwandan francs with which it fled in July.

Rwanda will stand or fall by the return plan. There are up to 30,000 soldiers of the former government army in Zaire, and many thousands of the refugees participated in the April genocide. The international tribunal on the genocide will start work this month in Kigali and Rwanda's own judicial system should creak back into life soon, helped by foreign judges and lawyers.

In "the land of a thousand hills" most communes are half empty, their former inhabitants either dead or outside the country. At Nyamata, 40 miles southeast of Kigali, the church has still not been properly cleaned since the massacre and the smell of death lingers. "I think 60 per cent of the people here helped commit the massacres," says the Yacinthe Mukantabana, the Mayor. "We can't judge them all but we will have to make examples. Those people in Goma who say it never happened know in themselves what went on — they have shame. I just hope it is enough for it never to happen again."

A Cambodian soldier stands guard outside the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh after a Khmer Rouge threat

King Sihanouk waves to crowds welcoming him home

Khmer Rouge threat sparks security fears

THE Australian Embassy in Cambodia is being guarded round-the-clock amid reports that the Khmer Rouge is offering an $8,000 (£5,200) reward for captured Australians.

Officials in Canberra confirmed yesterday that they were treating the reports from Khmer Rouge defectors as reliable. The threats follow the murder of a number of Western hostages, including two Australians.

Radio broadcasts by the Communist Khmer Rouge late last year said they would behead captured Australians after Canberra's decision to increase non-lethal military aid to Cambodia in an effort to counter the rebels.

The security alert came as 20,000 people turned out in Phnom Penh to welcome King Sihanouk home after cancer treatment in China. He told them: "I miss you all very much. I'm recovered now, thank you." His doctors said he was in "excellent" health. *(AFP, Reuter)*

Island Speaker predicts coup

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MADAGASCAR may suffer a coup some time in the next four days, the Speaker of parliament and mastermind of the island's move to multi-party elections in 1991, said in a speech to his followers.

The bizarre forecast, made by Richard Andriamanjato, came as other speakers of the Living Forces coalition demanded the resignation of the Government of Francisque Ravony, the Prime Minister. Mr Andriamanjato said soldiers and civilians were plotting to overthrow the Government between yesterday and next Sunday, but gave no details or explanation why he was able to predict the coup.

Mr Andriamanjato, a supporter of President Zafy, is head of the largest group in parliament. His remarks come as the Prime Minister, elected in August 1993, has been criticised by some deputies for negotiating with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund on Madagascar's economic reforms.

The island has embarked on free-market reform after the election defeat of President Ratsiraka, who ruled Madagascar for 17 years under a state-controlled socialist system. The Living Forces coalition, which ended his rule, insisted at a rally on Tuesday that it did not oppose economic reform, though it did not want international interference in the island's affairs. Mr Andriamanjato, a Marxist Protestant clergyman, has been accused of holding up the talks with the two world monetary agencies.

Madagascar, a former French colony, is one of the world's poorest countries, and has periodically suffered from political unrest. Rumours of an attempted coup appear to be linked to the recent murders of the son and daughter-in-law of Jean Rakotoharison, a retired army general. Mr Andriamanjato said these were intended to shown that the Government could not guarantee security.

Police 'told to murder Malawi ministers'

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN BLANTYRE

MALAWIAN police, acting on instructions from the authorities, battered to death four cabinet ministers who were said to have died in a car crash in 1983, an inquest report disclosed yesterday.

"There is no doubt that the four were murdered by police on instructions from authorities," Harry Mtegha, chairman of the commission of inquiry, said in an apparent reference to the regime of former President Banda, although he mentioned no names. The commission was set up six months ago to investigate the deaths of Dick Matenje, Twaibu Sangala, Aaron Gadama and David Chiwanga.

Contrary to speculation that the ministers had been shot, Mr Mtegha said no guns were used, but that a police mobile force had used clubs, hammers and sharp objects on their victims to simulate road accident injuries.

The four were murdered after they disappeared on their way from a parliamentary session at Zomba. It is widely believed that the ministers were killed after they refused to carry out President Banda's orders.

President Muluzi said that his Government would examine the report carefully and take appropriate action. He added that he was satisfied that the inquiry had established that the "four were killed in a cold-blooded manner on instructions from authorities".

Judge defends gay families

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A CALL by an Australian judge for homosexual couples and their children to be recognised legally as families has provoked a bitter response from conservative politicians.

Judge Alastair Nicholson, Chief Justice of the Family Court, has surprised the legal and social establishment with his views. He said that the reality of modern life indicated that it was time homosexual relationships were covered by the same legislation as that which covers heterosexual relationships.

Judge Nicholson said that enormous changes had taken place over the past three decades. He added that some couples in homosexual relationships had the care of children. When such relationships broke up, "I do not see why they should not have the same sort of legal protection as other people".

Tim Fischer, leader of the conservative National Party, said he would never consider same-sex couples as constituting a family. "If you take that agenda to the extreme, we will have a non-reproductive society by default," he said.

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Gingrich's mother says he thinks Hillary is 'a bitch'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SHORTLY before he was sworn in as the new Republican Speaker yesterday, Newt Gingrich denounced CBS television for broadcasting an interview with his mother in which she said he thinks Hillary Clinton is a "bitch".

But he did not contradict his mother and Democrats in Congress demanded that he apologise to the First Lady.

Mr Gingrich complained that his mother had been taken advantage of by an experienced reporter. Certainly, the circumstances under which the comment was obtained raised the question of whether she was tricked. Kathleen Gingrich, 68, was visited at her home in Pennsylvania by Connie Chung, a leading CBS correspondent, who asked about Mr Gingrich's view of President Clinton.

Mrs Gingrich said: "Nothing, and I can't tell you what he said about Hillary." Ms Chung: "Why don't you just whisper it to me — just between you and me."

Mrs Gingrich said: "'She's a bitch.' About the only thing he ever said about her. I think they had some meeting and she takes over ... but with Newtie there she can't."

Ginny Terzano, a White House spokeswoman, said: "We find that offensive. We absolutely expect more from the new Republican Congress and the Speaker."

Furious, Mr Gingrich said it was "disreputable" for a highly-paid and well known CBS reporter to say "whisper it to me" to a simple woman who loves her son and then to put the comment on the air. "I think for most normal, everyday Americans the term 'whisper something to me' means it will be kept confidential," he said. It was a terrible thing, he added, for the network to embarrass his mother on a day when she was very proud of her son and wanted to feel good about herself.

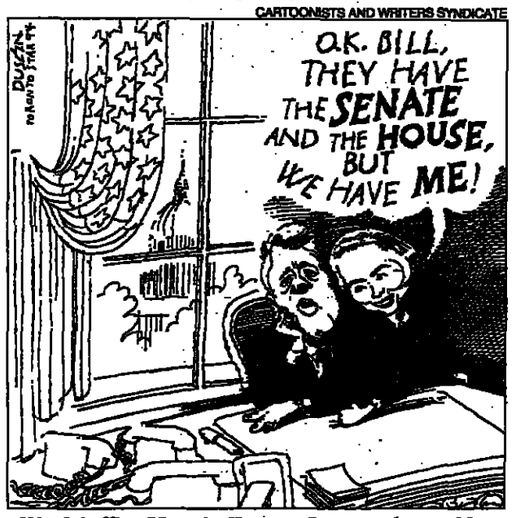
Mr Gingrich may have been right to be angry, but he has not concealed his disdain for the Clintons. In a *Washington Post* interview he called them "counter-culture McGoverniks" — a disparaging reference to their campaign work for George McGovern, the liberal Democrat whose presidential bid was buried in Richard Nixon's landslide of 1972.

Mr Gingrich's mother conceived him at the age of 16 in the four days before her marriage collapsed and she left his father, Newton McPherson, a 19-year-old mechanic. He died of cancer 12 years ago. When her son was three, she married Robert Gingrich, an infantry officer. As an "army brat" constantly on the move, Mr Gingrich attended five schools in three states and lived in two countries in eight years.

A defining lesson for him was a tour of Verdun, the French battlefield where one million men died in the First World War. He says that the visit awakened his political feelings and taught him that people must be strong and dedicated to stop evil.

Mr Gingrich's mother and stepfather were in the gallery of Congress yesterday for his opening address as Speaker. With them were his second wife, Marianne, and daughters from his first marriage.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, in church with his wife and mother yesterday



Woeful office: How the Toronto Star sees the troubles facing President Clinton and the Democrats

Dole acts to lift Bosnia arms embargo

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WITHIN hours of becoming Republican leader of the US Senate yesterday Robert Dole *introduced legislation to lift* the UN arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims next spring.

Such a move would cause a huge rift within Nato and the United Nations, lead to the withdrawal of British, French and other international peacekeeping troops from Bosnia, and inflame the conflict.

But aides said Mr Dole had acted on the opening day of the new Congress because he believed passionately that the Muslims had the right to defend themselves against Serb attempts at "genocide", and that his legislation might increase the pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to agree a peaceful resolution of the war.

Mr Dole's legislation has *bipartisan support, and will* stand a good chance of approval by both the House and Senate when he decides to bring it to a vote. Last autumn the Administration managed to avert congressional demands for America unilaterally to end the embargo only by promising to press the UN to lift the embargo multilaterally, but its subsequent efforts in New York failed.

President Clinton has been persuaded that for the US unilaterally to breach the embargo would be extremely damaging, and he would almost certainly veto Mr Dole's legislation as it stood. However, Mr Dole could make Mr Clinton's decision much harder *by attaching his legislation* to a popular and far broader Bill which the President would then have to veto in its entirety.

The British Government is very concerned about the danger of the *US lifting* the embargo unilaterally, and Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is expected to visit Washington next month to argue forcefully against it doing so. Officials believe that even the possibility of US arms beginning to flow to the Bosnian Muslims next May could undermine current diplomatic efforts to end the war peacefully by encouraging them to fight on.

Mr Dole was also planning *to introduce related legislation* last night that would place very severe restrictions on the President allowing US troops to serve under UN or non-American command.

It would also reportedly slash American funding for future UN peacekeeping operations.

☐ **Sarajevo:** Bosnian government troops began a belated withdrawal from a demilitarized mountain zone overlooking Sarajevo yesterday in keeping with a four-month truce accord signed with their Serb foes on Saturday. *(Reuter)*

'Salute to Newt' as Republicans march into new Congress

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ment the 104th Congress was sworn in, the House embarked on what Mr Gingrich boastfully described as "the longest working session on the opening day in the history of the House".

By early this morning, in a whirlwind series of carefully choreographed votes, the new Republican House majority was expected to have approved nine sweeping procedural reforms designed to rebuild America's shattered confidence in its Congress.

Later today Mr Gingrich will start implementing the Republicans' promise of votes within 100 days on the ten important Bills outlined in *Contract with America*. He will appear before a House committee to argue for the first — a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced federal budget by 2002.

Polls suggest that the public still doubts that the incoming Republicans will be any more effective than their predecessors. "Watch and you will be amazed," said Bill Paxon, a New York congressman who is one of Mr Gingrich's inner circle. "We are politicians who are going to keep our word and our pledge which we consider a solemn oath."

In contrast to the House, the Senate restricted itself to opening ceremonies yesterday, underlining its members' determination not to be rushed into possibly foolish actions by their more conservative and less experienced House counterparts. The Senate would be "the place where reality sets in," Robert Dole, its new Republican leader, said.

However, senior Republican senators did promise to eliminate at least 100 federal programmes and possibly a cabinet department in order to make a "down payment" of $400 billion (£256 billion) towards a balanced budget. "Don't worry. We're a part of the revolution," Thad Cochran, a Republican senator from Mississippi, said.

Mr Dole agreed that the responsibility he was taking on "scares me", but Mr Gingrich was simply exuberant. He had spent the past 16 years plotting the overthrow of Capitol Hill's self-perpetuating Democratic majority. He called the moment "unbelievable" and said he was overwhelmed by his "sense of being part of history".

Yesterday's opening day received saturation coverage, with networks broadcasting the proceedings live. But Mr Gingrich also pointedly invited in the many conservative radio talk show hosts who had enabled him to by-pass the mainstream liberal media and carry his radical message direct to the people.

The Rush Limbaugh show was broadcast direct from the Speaker's offices. Also broadcasting to Los Angeles from Capitol Hill was Michael Reagan, the son of the former President whose earlier revolution the Republicans are determined to complete.

Moves to restore confidence

Composition of the 104th Congress (103rd Congress in brackets):
House of Representatives: Republicans 230 (178), Democrats 204 (256), Independents 1 (1)
Senate: Republicans 53 (44), Democrats 47 (56).

Measures to restore public confidence in Congress that the House was expected to approve on its opening day:
☐ **Order an independent audit of Congress to eliminate fraud, waste and abuse.**
☐ **Cut committee staffs by a third and eliminate three committees.**
☐ **Require a three-fifths majority for any income tax increases.**
☐ **Limit the terms of committee chairmen to six years and the Speaker to eight.**
☐ **Make Congress abide by workplace laws applicable to the rest of the country.**
☐ **Open almost all committee proceedings to the public.**
☐ **Ban the casting of proxy votes in committees.**
☐ **Streamline the House administrative structure and end taxpayer financing of special-interest caucuses**

Wolves head for Yellowstone

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A JUDGE in Wyoming has cleared the way for grey wolves to return to the wilds of Yellowstone National Park.

The US Government wants to repopulate the country's largest national park with the *roaming packs of* wolves that were wiped out by a federal extermination programme ordered in the 1930s to protect cattle in the area.

Farmers and hunters, who raised the spectre of marauding wolves *decimating* livestock and threatening hikers, went to court to block the reintroduction of the beasts.

Biologists had estimated that the wolves would kill up to 20 cattle and 110 sheep a year. However, Judge William Downes rejected the appeals of the American Farm Bureau and the Mountain States Legal Foundation, saying that they "offered only fear and speculation" based on outdated information about the damage done by wolves.

"Reliance upon anecdotal evidence from the turn of the *century is insufficient* when confronted with the persuasive scientific testimony that the present circumstances surrounding the Yellowstone and central Idaho ecosystems are markedly different from those in earlier times," he wrote. He said that the experience of Minnesota, where wolves live near dairy farms, showed that the animals preferred wild game and shied away from humans.

The first 15 wolves could arrive at Yellowstone from Canada in the next two weeks as part of a $12 million *(£7.7 million) government* programme under the Endangered Species Act, designed to protect threatened animals.

The grey wolf is returning to one of its old hunting grounds

Clinton told secrets of success

BY IAN BRODIE

PRESIDENT Clinton, still searching for answers to his party's election defeat, has turned for advice to two of America's better-known motivational gurus.

He spent much of last Friday at Camp David with Stephen Covey, best-selling author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, and Anthony Robbins, an advocate of feel-good skills that have made him a multimillionaire. Mr Robbins had a lengthy meeting with the Princess of Wales shortly before she announced her withdrawal from public life, and saw her again last October.

Mr Clinton has been in almost non-stop consultation since his fellow Democrats lost control of Congress last November. In turning to personal-growth experts, he was following a path taken by millions of Americans when feeling down in the dumps.

The Camp David meeting was private, with no White House staff present. Of the two visitors, Dr Covey is the more conventional. One of his fans is Newt Gingrich, the new Republican Speaker.

Dr Covey's seven recommended habits are: be proactive in deciding what to do and getting on with it, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand, then to be understood, find ways to co-operate with others and "sharpen the saw" — meaning constantly exercise four elements of the self, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. It is arguable that if Mr Clinton had applied these last year he would have succeeded in persuading Congress to pass his healthcare reform.

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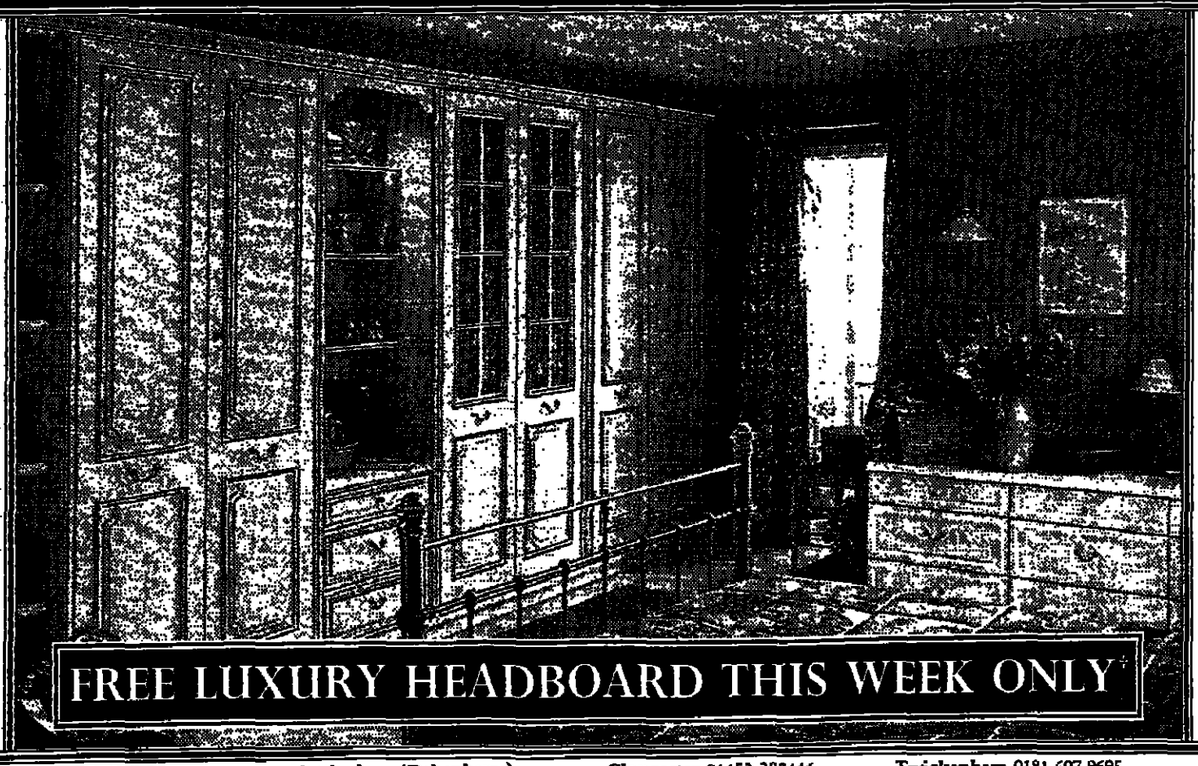

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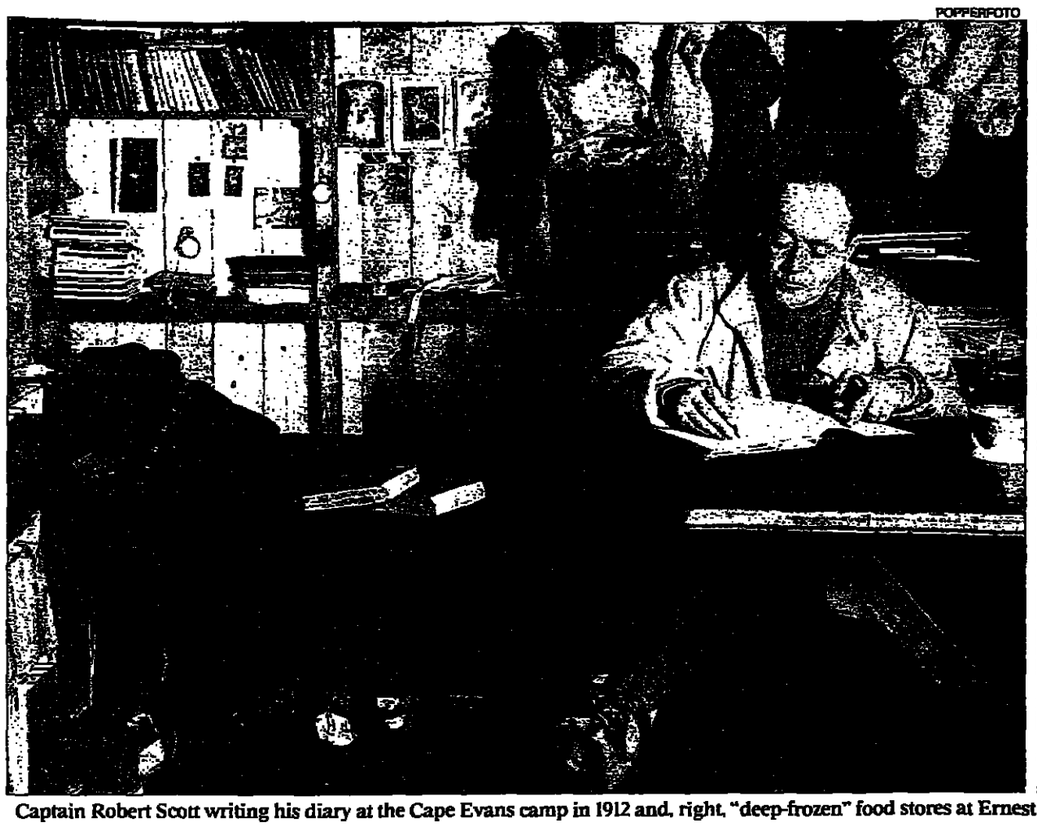

Captain Robert Scott writing his diary at the Cape Evans camp in 1912 and, right, "deep-frozen" food stores at Ernest Shackleton's even older hut, a few miles along the coast

The race to save Scott's base camp

Climate changes and tourists are damaging three perfectly preserved Antarctic huts. **Jo Andrews** reports

On Ross Island, on the edge of the vast Antarctic continent, lies the loneliest house in the world.

It was Captain Scott's base camp for his ill-fated journey to the South Pole in 1912. It has been empty now for more than 80 years, but it remains almost exactly the way it was when it was abandoned by the British expedition after the grim discovery that Captain Scott and his companions had perished on their return journey.

The little house at Cape Evans is almost untouched by time. Entering it is as close as anyone can come to turning back the clock. Inside it looks as though Scott and his men have gone out briefly and will shortly be back through the wooden door, stamping their feet with cold.

Their boots still lie at the ends of their bunks. On Scott's bed, his caribou fur sleeping bag is rumpled as though he has just got up from it. Above the bed hangs his hot water bottle and his green woollen socks with holes at the heels. The *Illustrated London News* lies on the bedside table.

In the kitchen the stores are neatly stacked on shelves or still in their original boxes. There is mustard, syrup, tomato ketchup, cocoa, biscuits and a host of other provisions all perfectly preserved down the years. Most of these supplies are still fresh and perfectly edible.

At the central table there is a chair for each member of the expedition. Captain Scott's is at the top, close to the heavy iron radiator. It was here that he sat as the men gave him a celebration supper for his last birthday, his 43rd, in the darkness of the Antarctic winter of 1911.

Beside the table is Edward Wilson's little laboratory: an experiment sits by the window half finished. And outside, by the stables, bales of hay for Captain Oates's beloved ponies are still stacked in perfect condition.

This is no sleight of hand. Until now there has been next to no conservation work done inside the hut. In fact, it is nature itself that has been the best conserver here.

The hut has endured for more than 80 years some of the harshest conditions the planet has to offer, and that is what has preserved it.

At Cape Evans the winds can howl off Mount Erebus behind at anything up to 120 miles per hour. And in winter temperatures can dip below minus 50C.

In effect, the hut and its contents have been in the deep freeze for more than three-quarters of a century. There are no insects, mice or rats, and very little dust. It is too cold for anything to moulder here. In these conditions nothing can deteriorate. But recently that has begun to change. The New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust, which looks after the hut, must raise millions of pounds or risk its eventual destruction.

The problem is that Antarctica's climate has started to warm up very slightly. That means that in January — the Antarctic summer — the temperature inside the hut is no longer reliably below freezing. There is enough water around for the metal items to rust and the fabrics to rot. And indeed, the springs on the men's bunks have begun to give way, the old iron stove and the kettle on top are starting to decay, and so are the metal items in the old laboratory and the photographic darkroom.

There is a further problem. Extraordinarily, about a thousand people a year are now visiting the hut. Dave Geddes of the Antarctic Heritage Trust says: "When people come in they breathe and create condensation, and you can see the effect that is having on the tins and the other metal items."

The visitors come from the nearby New Zealand and American bases, which together have a summer population of several hundred people. There is also a rising number of tourists. Amazingly Antarctica is becoming a fashionable destination for cruise ships. This summer 14 ships are expected off Antarctica, carrying around eight thousand people.

Not all of them by any means come to this side of the continent: many go to the more clement Antarctic peninsula. But those who come here want to see Scott's hut.

Already the New Zealanders have acted to try to control numbers — no more than 12 people at a time are allowed inside, and they are asked not to touch anything. But the problem is growing, compounded by the fact that the house at Cape Evans is not the only historic monument on Ross Island.

A few miles along the coast sits Ernest Shackleton's hut, which is even older and in much the same condition. It even has a frying pan on the old stove with a half-cooked omelette in it. And just beside the big American base at McMurdo, on the other side of Ross Island, is the oldest hut of all. It is Captain Scott's first base camp for his "Discovery" expedition in the earliest years of this century.

Preserving all three huts is going to be an enormously complex task, as well as an expensive one. The Heritage Trust has now secured the exterior of each building, and this year it is continuing the work of cataloguing their contents.

Mr Geddes says: "What we want to do is to rank each item in order of importance. There are some things that were specially made for the expeditions which are unique. They get the top priority. Then there are the personal items that belonged to the men and then the general stores."

A decision will have to be made about every item in each hut. Anywhere else that might not be too difficult, but to get conservationists to Antarctica you have to fly them several thousand miles from New Zealand. They then have to live and work in freezing temperatures, sleeping in tents close to the huts.

Moreover, the new environmental legislation governing Antarctica means that they and all the other scientists working on the continent are now forbidden to let so much as a drop of washing-up water fall onto the ground. Everything, including the contents of the plastic field lavatories, has to be flown by helicopter back to the modern bases to await collection by the summer refuse ships.

Inside the huts, if anything needs extensive repair it has to be flown to New Zealand and then returned to the Antarctic the following year. At all times it may have to be kept below freezing to protect it.

The New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust has launched an appeal to help to raise the money. One of the first people it took to see the huts this season was Peter Hetherington, who is chairman of the British Antarctic Heritage Trust.

He would like to help them, but the British side has only just begun an attempt to raise £1 million to help different projects across Antarctica.

But these huts are without doubt Antarctica's first and most important historic monuments. They are among the most remarkable places in the world. It would be a sad thing if they had simply to be shut up and refrozen to stop them from falling to pieces.

It was from the Cape Evans house that Scott, Wilson, Bowers, Oates and Evans waved goodbye for the last time to their expedition companions before setting off across the ice to race Amundsen to the South Pole.

It was here that most of his men saw Scott alive for the last time. Today his body and those of his team still lie in their tent somewhere deep within the Ross Ice Shelf, less than 150 miles from the hut's front door.

Perhaps the greatest irony is that their bodies have remained so cold and undisturbed that they are undoubtedly better preserved than the possessions they left behind.

● *Jo Andrews went to Antarctica for ITN. Her reports are broadcast this week.*

Outside, bales of hay for Captain Oates's ponies are stacked in perfect condition

What price for justice?

Paul Barker wonders if we are too ready to seek redress at law

LITIGATION is on the increase, while it ought, in any sensible world, to be diminishing. Things have galloped on since Mr Bumble, the beadle, asserted so rudely that "the law is a ass — a idiot". To Charles Dickens, Bumble's creator, the underlying lesson was always: "Never go to law." It is a lesson we now pay less and less heed to as the law is seen as a cure-all.

Proposals yesterday by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, to encourage people to settle their disputes without recourse to law — and so help prune the burgeoning legal aid bill — sound like common sense. Legal aid is one of the fastest-growing areas of government expenditure. It leaps to the public eye only when there is a scandal — for instance when it is awarded in big fraud cases, where those accused know all too well how to twist the rules to their advantage; or to solicitors who have been fiddling the bills. But the Lord Chancellor is already trying to stamp on the former abuse, and the latter is peanuts in a total annual bill of well over £1 billion.

An important driving force behind this huge bill is our greater readiness to turn to the law. The fear this obviously provokes is that we, like the Americans, are veering towards a litigious society. The United States, as its constitution bears witness, is enamoured of law. Congress has always been dominated by lawyers and the imagery of the law pervades American popular culture.

The newly-dominant Republican congressmen and senators say they want to stem American eagerness to go to law. Their reforms would include a cap on damages, and a shift to the English system whereby the loser in a civil case pays the winner's costs. But it is notable that these proposals are part of what the Republicans call "A Contract with America". The language of their reform is legalistic. If it doesn't work out, could they be sued? And if they can't, what exactly is contractual about it?

We are, fortunately, a long way from all this, though we have a worrying tendency to follow American social trends with a 20 or 30-year time-lag. Some of the indicators are already with us. For instance, the number of Caesarean births has risen far beyond what can be justified on medical grounds, the motivation being partly the fear of gynaecologists that they will be taken to court if a non-surgical birth goes wrong.

We have also been moving steadily towards the idea of everyday life as a kind of Social Contract, in which any shortcoming can be a case for the courts. Ironically, no one has been keener to create a "contract culture" than the Thatcher and Major Governments.

Most legal aid, however, still goes towards helping people accused of crime to defend themselves. Research by Professor Michael Zander, of the London School of Economics, shows that to have a lawyer doubles the chances of an acquittal. The courtroom alternative is, in his words, like "trying to play tennis without a tennis racket". At the same time there are more defendants to defend, as a result of the rise in crime.

Lord Mackay is now talking the language of cash limits — a language which has taken 20 years to reach the law. The move began when the last Labour Government decided that unconstrained spending by local councils had to be stopped. Then, under Mrs Thatcher, the poorest of the poor saw the emergency social security help on which they had previously relied strictly limited and turned into the cash-limited Social Fund. But is this how the law should work?

FOR all the recent debate about the need to protect the interests of victims, it must never be forgotten that the person whose interest needs most protection in a courtroom is the accused. As taxpayers, we may feel grateful that Frederick West last weekend saved the State a vast amount in legal aid fees. But we cannot rely on such drastic solutions. Equally, it must be said that every Lord Chancellor since legal aid was introduced 35 years ago has battled to hold down legal aid costs. In the end, the need to ensure that justice is done has won. And so it should.

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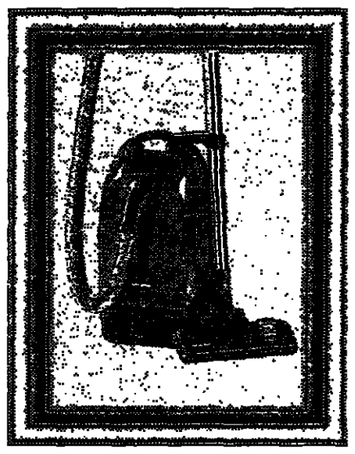

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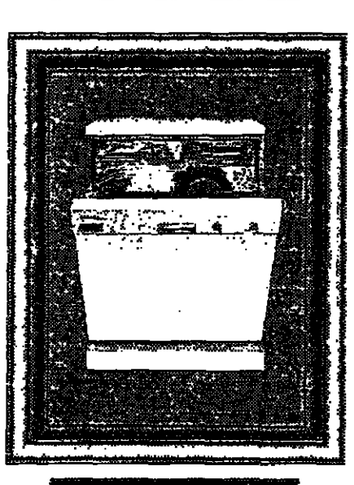

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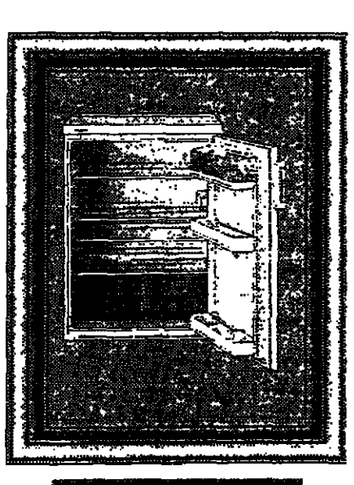

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Abdominal emergencies in the elderly ☐ Mysteries of the deadly meningitis ☐ Scandal of the undernourished patients in NHS hospitals

How to read the appendix

LARRY Grayson was found on New Year's Day collapsed in his Nuneaton bungalow, suffering from a perforated appendix.

Although less common than it was, appendicitis remains the most frequent cause of an acute abdominal emergency, and is second only to repair of hernias as a reason for abdominal surgery. It affects all age groups, and both sexes, but despite its frequency diagnosis is often missed until after the appendix has perforated and peritonitis has occurred; conversely in 15-20 per cent of the cases who have surgery the true diagnosis is not confirmed, and another cause is found for the pain.

The first recorded abdominal appendicectomy was performed in Birmingham in 1880 by Lawson Tait, six years before the pathology of appendicitis was accurately described by Reginald Fitz in America. Its diagnosis became easier once another American, Charles McBurney, described its signs and symptoms in 1889; he emphasised that if a line were drawn from the umbilicus to the bony promontory of the waist, the point of maximal tenderness in the case of appendicitis was 1½ to 2in from the promontory. This is such a useful diagnostic clue that the area is still known as McBurney's point.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

In a typical case of appendicitis a patient first complains of pain around the umbilicus; although as time progresses the pain shifts to the lower right-hand side of the abdomen, the muscles overlying the appendix become tense, and tenderness over McBurney's point can be elicited.

Another very useful sign, Rovsing's sign, in which pressure on the lower left abdomen causes pain on the right side, can also be demonstrated. Vomiting, or even severe nausea, usually follows rather than precedes the pain in appendicitis.

In less than half of all cases of appendicitis are the signs and symptoms typical of the textbook description; the variation in the clinical picture that is presented can be immense.

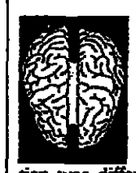
This is particularly true when appendicitis affects people of Mr Grayson's age (he is in his seventies), whose troubles, stripped of any euphemism, are technically described as "acute appendicitis in the elderly". Appendicitis is notoriously so much more difficult to diagnose in this age group than in a younger person, that no textbook of surgery is complete without a paragraph devoted to it.

The pain in an older person is not so intense, the tenderness usually felt over McBurney's point is less well localised, there is much less muscle tension over the inflamed organ and the temperature, which in most cases is between 100-101F (37.7-38.3C), is less likely to rise.

The disadvantages of late diagnosis are even more serious in older than in younger patients, for perforation, as in Mr Grayson's case, happens more rapidly. Arterial disease is not confined to coronary, cerebral and limb arteries but also affects other arteries including that leading to the appendix, and in consequence the appendix may have a poor blood supply and rupture easily.

If there are no other complicating factors, modern antibiotics should allow Mr Grayson to make a good recovery.

Dread disease



EMMA Harris, like her schoolfriend Alexandra Yates, died from a meningococcal infection. In Emma's case the manifestation of the infection was different, as she developed an acute septicaemia, a meningococcaemia, in which the organism, Meningococcus serogroup C, flourishes in the bloodstream. Patients can suffer from both meningococcal meningitis and meningococcaemia simultaneously, but it is still a mystery why some patients suffer only, or predominantly, from meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain), others from meningococcaemia, and why the great majority of those who come into contact with the meningococci become, at worst, asymptomatic carriers. During an epidemic as many as one person in 100 in the involved community may become carriers; hence the need to treat all contacts with prophylactic antibiotics.

Meningococcaemia is the most dreaded manifestation of the disease. Death frequently occurs within a matter of hours. In meningococcal septicaemia the blood pressure falls disastrously, cardiac arrhythmias develop, patients become comatosed, the circulation collapses and, as it does so, essential organs are so starved of oxygen and blood that they are no longer able to function efficiently. The problem in the treatment of septicaemia is that although the destruction of the organism with antibiotics is readily achieved, the endotoxins (poisons) released by the meningococci continue to wreak havoc long afterwards.

Feeding time

WHILE neither as extreme nor as obvious in Britain as in Africa, malnutrition nevertheless remains a problem here. One of the largest groups of people who are undernourished, or malnourished, are those who are seeing a doctor, either in their local surgery, in outpatients, or as inpatients in hospital.

A report by the British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition suggests that one in ten patients admitted to hospital is severely under-nourished. In one hospital 40 per cent of 500 consecutive admissions to all its departments were judged to be undernourished or malnourished. Unfortunately many of those who are malnourished on admission remain malnourished while there, and, once discharged, there is little liaison with community services.

In the days of the all-powerful ward sister a close eye was kept on a patient's feeding. The frail, and the old, were encouraged to finish their food. In many wards now food is delivered, spurned by the patients — either because it is not what they wanted or because they could not manage it — and collected later without comment.

In only one third of hospitals is there a formal system for the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of malnutrition, even though its correction makes life better, and longer, for the patient and, by hastening their cure so they leave hospital earlier, saves money.

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A donated kidney arrives at the operating theatre. The supply needs to be increased

The older you are, the better a kidney transplant may function, reports **Dr James Le Fanu**

Success and the over-60s

On September 26 last year Harry Green was given a new kidney at St Helier's Hospital in Carshalton, Surrey. Everything went swimmingly. Two days later he was walking around the ward, and within three weeks he was in his back garden sawing logs.

Mr Green's experience would be unremarkable, were it not for his age. At 76 he is one of a growing band of senior citizens to benefit from a transplant which only a few years ago would have been denied on the grounds that he was "too old".

No one was more surprised than Mr Green himself. Back in 1991 he visited his doctor because of excessive tiredness: "I kept nodding off in the afternoon, which was unlike me," he says. After a blood test which showed his kidneys were failing he was referred to St Helier's, and over the next few months became increasingly unwell, until he ended up on dialysis.

Mr Green was sure that age excluded him from the possibility of a transplant until told by Mr René Chang, the consultant surgeon at the hospital, that anybody who was "fit enough" was eligible.

Almost immediately after being accepted on to "the list", he was woken by his wife early one morning saying that his presence was required at the hospital without delay as there was a kidney waiting for him with his name on it.

Four months on, he says: "It is incredible how well I feel. We spent Christmas with our daughter and two grandchildren and drank toasts to the Kidney Unit at St Helier's and its exceptional staff."

Only five years ago there was an accepted, if rarely articulated, age barrier of around 60 for kidney transplants. Its steady erosion since then has been due to improvements in technique and the wider availability of better immunosuppressive drugs, but above all to one paradoxical observation — the older the patient, the greater the chance the transplanted kidney will function normally.

In February last year, Mr Raymond Tesi of Ohio State University reported in *The Lancet* the results of just over 1,200 consecutive kidney transplants performed over ten years. He found that in those aged under 60 almost a third of transplants were rejected, compared to only one-tenth in those over 60. That is, the older the patient, the greater the success rate. This is presumably because with increasing age the immune system becomes more tolerant to foreign tissue.

There is a catch though. The older recipients do not necessarily live longer as they are more likely to die from some other age-related disease, such as a stroke or heart attack.

This Mr Chang describes as a major problem. "Say you have an old chap with kidney failure whom you could keep going with a kidney transplant for another ten years or so. If he drops dead soon after his operation, you have done nobody a favour — and you have lost a valuable kidney."

His solution is to screen out those who might be at risk from heart attack. All potential transplant recipients in his unit must first have a "stress electro-cardiogram", and if this suggests a narrowing of the arteries to the heart, the transplant will be postponed until a bypass has been done. Since instituting this policy not one of his older patients has died unexpectedly.

There are undoubtedly serious implications in all this. As it is, a further 2,000 transplants a year need to be done to take account of the present waiting list. In the past an unwritten etiquette inhibited older patients from being too pushy about seeking a transplant. There were always those younger than themselves to consider, whose call on spare hearts and kidneys might be thought greater.

Success stories such as Mr Green's, however, cannot but change this attitude. So where will the extra kidneys come from? One answer has been to raise the age limit for donors. Kidney function declines very little over time and is remarkably similar in a 70-year-old to a 30-year-old. Transplant surgeons are now prepared to consider taking kidneys from those well into their seventh decade, though they try to give these to older patients.

Another novel suggestion is that transplanted kidneys in older patients be reused if the recipient dies unexpectedly. This has been reported from the University Hospital in Zurich, where a 47-year-old man had a massive stroke five days after his transplant. The surgeon, Mr Miralem Pasic, whipped it out and retransplanted it into someone else who, a year later, is "fully active and without symptoms".

The real answer, however, must lie in increasing the overall supply of kidneys. On Monday, Tom Sackville, the health minister, launched a publicity campaign to increase the numbers of potential organ donors on the national computer register. The Government's target, he said, was "ambitious". But will it suffice? Increasingly, it seems there is no alternative other than a major shift in policy, whereby instead of "opting in" to become a potential donor, those who do not wish their kidneys to be used after their death will have to "opt out".

Comparisons with other European countries such as Austria show that the "opt out" system doubles the number of kidneys and other organs available for transplantation — which should be just enough to go round.

A personal attack on cancer

A revolutionary gene therapy is being tested on its first volunteer

Cecil Hutchings, a 70-year-old from Bedfordshire, is the first person in Britain to take part in clinical trials of gene therapy as a new approach to tackling some forms of cancer.

Scientists in Cambridge and Southampton have found a method of producing a "personal vaccine" that uses DNA cloned from the patient's own tumour to combat the disease. For reasons doctors do not fully understand, cancer is not perceived as an enemy by the body's immune system in the same way as, for example, the flu virus. The hope is that the new genetic material is taken up locally by the muscle cells and tricks the body's immune system into attacking the malignant tumour.

The advance has been made possible by the development of DNA sequencing techniques that will eventually allow scientists to "read" and decode every one of the estimated 100,000 genes in the human body. The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique, which uses an enzyme involved in the natural copying of DNA to make millions of replicas of the molecule in the laboratory, has also proved crucial. "It is rather like being able to put an encyclopedia into a photocopier and make millions of copies of one word," says Dr Robert Hawkins, one of of a team of researchers from centres including Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge and the Tenovus Laboratories in Southampton who have developing the personal vaccine.

Dr David Secher, director of drug development at the Cancer Research Campaign, said the fact that the personal vaccine trial was now under way was an example of how laboratory techniques could be put into clinical practice. "The exciting thing is it shows how quickly techniques in basic science can be translated to a stage where they are ready to test in patients."

Cecil Hutchings: ready to risk the new treatment

The treatment for Mr Hutchings, who suffers from cancer of the lymph nodes, is being tried on him alone. In two months, when his treatment is completed, another patient will be recruited. By the end of 1995 ten volunteers will have had the experimental treatment at Addenbrooke's and the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Dorset.

At present, the trial is restricted to patients with the comparatively rare B-cell lymphoma, a form of lymph node cancer which affects about 2,500 people every year in England and Wales. The antigen — the unique protein found only in one individual patient's tumour — can be clearly identified on the surface of the B-cell lymphoma, one of the few tumours where this is possible.

Like all patients who take part in clinical trials of experimental treatments, Mr Hutchings was carefully counselled before giving his consent. He is well aware that this may benefit thousands in future, but may not save his life.

"With any new cure there always has to be a first person to try it out," he said. "I have had this complaint for nearly four years, and have had all sorts of treatment including radiotherapy, chemotherapy and steroids."

Mr Hutchings, who has four sons and ten grandchildren aged between four and 14, has now had three of the six injections in his course of treatment. He says it is painless, reports no side-effects and even thinks he can see improvement in some of the large lymph node tumours that have developed. Like all first stage drug trials, the aim, initially, is not to see if the treatment works, but to test its potential toxicity before extending the trial to more patients.

Dr Hawkins says: "If gene therapy is not properly controlled, introducing foreign genes could lead to problems for future generations." This is why all gene therapy is limited to patients beyond child-bearing age. He believes that some lung cancers and brain tumours might also be appropriate for vaccine therapy, as well as for patients with B-cell lymphoma. This treatment could be available by the end of this century.

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■ The discouraging of family responsibility in the name of *liberation* is leading to disaster

During the 1960s, the extreme Left had a catchphrase: "Scratch a *liberal* and there's a fascist underneath." How ironically prophetic it proved. What we are living through *now* is the creation of an ideal culture for breeding neo-fascism, and it has been put in place by liberal orthodoxy. Or perhaps I should say, by *liberation* orthodoxy, since the philosophy which these policies represent is not liberal in any proper sense of the word. In a book published this week by the Institute of Economic Affairs, *Farewell to the Family?*, Patricia Morgan describes how the traditional family has been systematically *undermined by government* policy. In a devastating coda, she gives warning of the likely social consequences of this programme.

Quite apart from the deprivations of children growing up with only one parent, she considers the more *immediate effect on their* dispossessed biological fathers. What we are producing, she suggests, are the conditions for creating a new "warrior class" of men cut off from the socialising influence of family and domestic responsibility: "large numbers of unattached males for whom status is defined by predatory sexual behaviour and violent seizure of other people's property". The decline of heavy industry may have made many working-*class men unemployable*, but it took active intervention by social reformers to put them beyond the social pale.

> These rogue *males are* obvious fodder for a fascist demagogue

Detached from any sense of continuing responsibility for others, these rogue males are becoming outlaws within their own community. I go further than Patricia Morgan in my prophecies of doom: it is *probably only a matter of* time before some political demagogue sets out to organise this anarchic delinquency. In their alienation and unchecked aggressiveness, these displaced men are ideal fodder for fascist recruitment.

Anyone who thinks this analysis hysterical should look at the figures. The Government has now set up a programme of financial disincentives to marriage and family stability so comprehensive that only the most determined (and affluent) couples can easily disregard its disadvantages.

With all benefits taken into account, a lone mother with two children can work for 20 hours per week at £4 per hour and end up with £163.99 net after rent and tax. A married father of two children working for 40 hours at the same rate would be left with £130.95. So he keeps £33 less for working full-time than the single mother does for working half-time. Add to this the lone mother's preferential treatment in the housing queue, and ask yourself why any working-class girl should not regard a husband as worse than useless. And she will be cheered on in this conclusion by her middle-class feminist *sisters*, whose ideology has helped to form these fiscal policies.

What began in the 1960s as a deceptively gentle cult of self-fulfilment and personal freedom hardened in the 1970s into vengeful self-seeking. This philosophy embedded itself so deeply in the consciousness of a generation that its basic premise is thought unquestionable even by Conservative politicians: that the personal freedom of the individual — especially if she is female — is *the criterion* by which all social and governmental policy should be judged. Since all institutions which restrict life choices have to be regarded as anathema, marriage has gradually lost all official status.

The State must now re*gard every person as a self*-contained, atomised unit with strict mathematical equality in terms of taxation. Which means that the fact of being married (or of having children if you are married, though not if you are single) counts for nothing. With the deliberate running down of the married man's tax allowance (which was transferable to a higher earning wife, and thus not even sexually discriminatory), marriage is ceasing to be recognised at *all by the legal and fiscal* systems.

The family allowance which was brought in to replace tax allowances for families with children is also being run down (except for single parents, who receive an extra supplement). Soon it will be "targeted", and given only to the poorest. We will then be the only advanced *country in the world* to make no distinction in taxation between people who have children and people who do not *unless they are single*.

So how much freedom have we gained from this ruthless vendetta against the "oppressive" nuclear family? Women, it will be argued, have won the right to have babies whenever they feel so inclined. They are no longer stigmatised for producing illegitimate children — indeed, the concept of illegitimacy has become redundant, since all fathers are pursued for maintenance, even when they have not been remotely considered as lifelong partners. So women need not be economically "enslaved" by marriage. Instead they are economically beholden to the State, which devalues men by recognising only mothers and their children.

Can no one see how sinister it is for the State to be the all-powerful head of every family?

David Pannick says press speculation about the West case will not prejudice a fair trial

Juries have minds of their own

The suicide in prison earlier this week of Frederick West, facing charges of murdering 12 women, has presented unusual difficulties for newspapers and their legal advisers.

In an essay written in 1946 lamenting "The Decline of the English murder", George Orwell explained what editors and their circulation managers learn at their mothers' knees: the British public enjoys reading newspaper reports about murder, especially domestic murder in which sex is a motive, behind the neighbours' net curtains. But ever since the Editor of the *Daily Mirror* was imprisoned for three months in 1949 for suggesting that John Haigh, "the acid-bath murderer" on trial for one murder was "a vampire" guilty of other murders as well, the press has reluctantly recognised that there are limits to its ability to satisfy the public demand for details about alleged murderers *before* the end of a trial.

Unless and until convicted, West was protected by the law of contempt of court from newspaper analysis of his background, his mental state, and the precise contents of his back garden. But the dead cannot be tried in the criminal courts (nor can they be libelled), so the law of contempt has no application. The death of a defendant accused of being a serial killer would, in normal circumstances, remove restrictions *on discussion of whether his activities* were the result of, for example, lack of parental affection, watching pornographic films or (an unfashionable and much underrated theory) pure and selfish evil.

But Mrs Rosemary West, wife of Frederick, is charged with committing nine murders jointly with *her husband. The Crown Prosecu*tion Service is now considering whether to pursue the charges against her. Unless and until the service decides otherwise, the proceedings against her remain "active" for the purposes of the Contempt of Court Act of 1981. It is therefore a criminal offence for anyone to publish material which "creates a substantial risk" that the "course of justice" in the proceedings against Mrs West "will be seriously impeded or prejudiced".

The secretary of the Criminal Bar Association, Steven Kay, QC, and the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, Tony Butler, have been reported as expressing concern that some of the *newspaper coverage of the death of* West might prejudice a fair trial for Mrs West.

These fears are unfounded. In all but exceptional circumstances, the law rightly assumes that juries give their verdicts according to the evidence they see and hear in court, and are not influenced by the contents of *what they have previously read in* their newspapers, save possibly with regard to the horoscope, the weather forecast and the daily selections of the racing tipster.

During a murder trial in 1969, Mr Justice Lawton rejected a complaint made on behalf of one of the defendants, Ronald Kray, that there *could not be a fair trial because* of prejudicial publicity. The judge stated that he had "enough confidence in my fellow countrymen to think that they have got newspapers sized up", so that they are "capable in normal circumstances of looking at a matter fairly and without prejudice even though they have to disregard what they may have read *in a newspaper*". *Mr Justice Law*ton explained that "the public's recollection is short, and the drama, if I may use that term, of a trial almost always has the effect of excluding from recollection that which went before".

Similar principles were stated in 1988, *by the then* Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew. The Irish Attorney-General had declined to extradite Father Patrick Ryan to the United Kingdom to face charges of criminal acts linked to terrorism. The Irish Attorney-General said that public statements by Margaret Thatcher about Father *Ryan meant that it would not be* possible for a jury to approach the issue of his guilt or innocence without bias.

Sir Patrick Mayhew told the House of Commons that Patrick Ryan was assured of a fair trial because "juries in England are invariably instructed that they must decide the case only on the evidence that they have heard and seen in that trial". In Sir Patrick's experience, "juries heed those directions scrupulously, *with the fairness* that one expects in the ordinary men and women of our country".

A newspaper article can prejudice *a fair trial only if jurors see it*, believe it, remember it, and act on it in preference to the evidence they receive in court, despite a judicial direction to the contrary. Any trial of Mrs West would not take place for several months. The jury's verdict would then depend not on its vague recollection of newspaper articles published this week, but on its assessment of the strength (or otherwise) of the case presented against Mrs West in court.

The suicide of West has denied to victims' relatives, and to the public, the cathartic comfort which a criminal trial could provide by way of explaining what happened and why to those who came into contact with West before their disappearance many years before his arrest. It would be ironic were West's final *contribution to legal history* to be the creation of a principle that requires silence about his activities even after his death.

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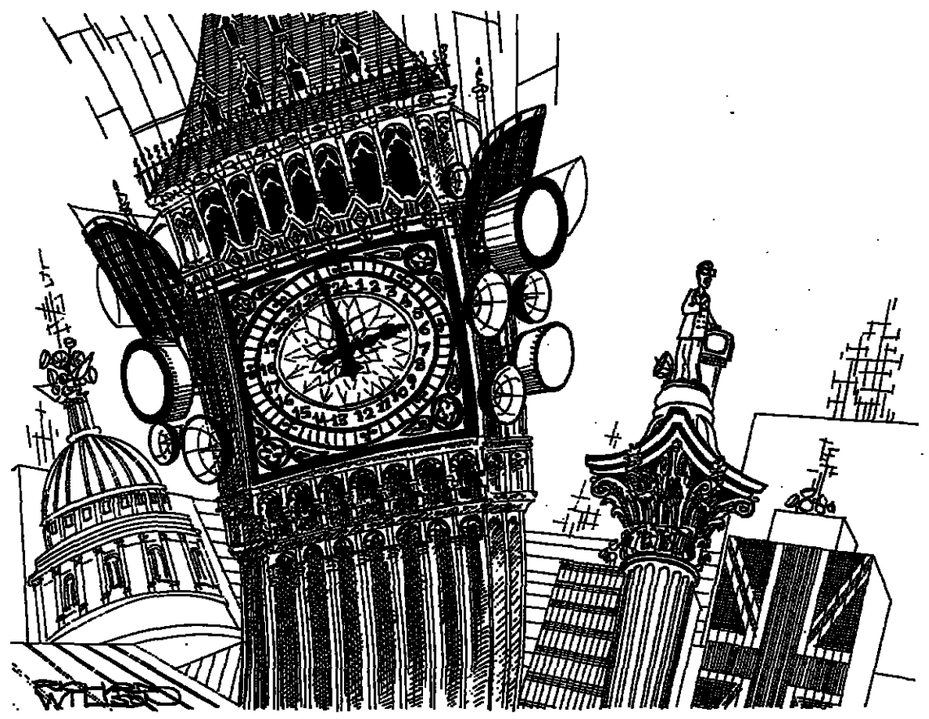
In future Britain must concentrate on educating the top five per cent, on whose success we shall all depend



If the Conservative Party had lost the 1992 election, as most people expected it to, the political situation in Britain might now be much the same as that in the *United States. There would be no* Whitewater, but Neil Kinnock's administration, having been forced out of the European exchange-rate mechanism and having taken the brunt of the recession, would be deeply unpopular, all the more so for having raised taxes.

The Conservative Party would *have turned against Maastricht*, no doubt under a new leader, and would be developing a Newt Gingrich type of "contract with Britain". A comfortable Conservative victory would be forecast for 1997.

The new Conservative economic policy would probably have been put in the hands of Peter Lilley, who is the best policymaker among right-wing Conservatives. The first Lilley memorandum might well have shown a surprising degree of optimism about *Britain's prospects in the next century*. In some ways, Britain is better placed to compete in the information age than it was in the mass production age which is closing. The information age will be driven by communications and services, including financial services. Britain has high quality and productivity in these areas. As a exporter of financial services, Britain is fully competitive with the United States and Japan, aside from the scale of their domestic capital formation, and more than competitive with Germany. World finance works on a 24-hour clock. London dominates the European time slot, as New York dominates the American and Tokyo the Asian.

Britain is also very strong in communications, although the American lead is much greater in that area. Britain has the advantage of the English language, which dominates world business and entertainment. British society fits the information age in other ways. For reasons which lie deep in our social history, we have not been so good as some other nations at factory management — the Japanese obtain higher productivity from British factories than we usually do ourselves.

This deficiency does not exist in the small, highly skilled teams on which *information transfer of all kinds* depends. Until very recently, British education has been literary and elitist — the ideal of the grammar school — and much of that tradition survives. The information age is already turning out to be short of things to say, rather than of ways of transmitting them: it has a deficiency of software rather than of hardware. The next century — like the 19th — will probably be the age of the professions, with an emphasis on rare skills, and Britain is still a professional and relatively elitist country. What has been considered our cultural backwardness may prove an advantage, as a different cultural time-lag has been to Japan.

How should Britain maximise its *national advantages in this new age* of knowledge and communications? Some conclusions are obvious. Both international capital and skilled people have to be attracted. Britain must be an efficient relay station in all systems of communication, an ideal location for the world information business. That requires low transaction costs, and preferably no transaction taxes, a thoroughgoing attitude of tax-free internationalism. Our competitors will be Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, Bermuda, the Channel Islands, Singapore or Hong Kong: the next century will be the age of tax havens. Britain's national interest is that the rest of the world should do its business in and through our country, but we should also be able to do our own business on the same terms.

There are fascinating implications here for educational policy, and they are highly unfashionable. The 20th-century view has been that the economics of mass production required mass education, perceived as the universal provision of modest educational skills. The 21st century will require greater emphasis on the higher skills of the ablest students. The factory system provided repetitive *jobs at high wages: the information* system will require very high skills in non-repetitive work. In international competition, perhaps 5 per cent of the population will produce 80 per cent of the national income, and the employment of the 95 per cent will depend on the success of the few.

William Rees-Mogg

Some of the classical educational models seem surprisingly appropriate. At its best, the post-Renaissance teaching of logical thought through exact *linguistic training produced* just the precise but flexible mental formation which the information age requires. The Cambridge tripos of the 19th century, with its faith in mathematics as the language of science, would have been ideal for the requirements of the new age.

When Charles Babbage, the inventor of the first computer, entered Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1811, *he had already read Ditton's Fluxions*, Woodhouse's *Principles of Analytical Calculation* and Lagrange's *Theorie des Fonctions*. Such remarkable early learning may now be too much to hope for, but the new education needs to be profound and general, rather than superficial and vocational. Britain has educated for Empire, has educated for factories, and now has to educate for knowledge and communications.

The information age and the *demographic trend towards ageing* populations call for much larger capital formation than Britain is making at present. In the United States, the baby-boom generation is making only about a third of the savings needed to provide for its own future. The British level of savings is not much better. Our present system *taxes income as a gross concept*, making too little distinction between that part of income which would be saved and that which would be spent. Individual savings go into the pool from which national investment is made. For a government to take the savings part of income and spend it on public consumption is quite wrong. Countries with high savings enjoy better growth, more prosperity, better jobs, higher employment, higher standards of living, more stable prices, more stable currencies, greater balance of trade surpluses and more international investment income. All of these things are put at risk by taxing income before savings rather than after. Taxing income net of savings means that one has to tax expenditure. There has already been a trend for taxation to shift in that direction, but it is has not gone anything like far enough.

Expenditure will steadily become easier to tax in an efficient way as cash payments dwindle and electronic transfers increase. I doubt whether cash money will still be legal tender for any but the smallest payments by 2025. Every bus will *have a machine to take one's credit* card at the entrance. Once expenditures can be aggregated, such expenditure taxes can be made progressive. It will be possible to tax the first £3,000 of expenditure at zero, the next £7,000 at 10 per cent and so on, just like a modern income tax. If such an expenditure tax were to be introduced, present income and capital taxes could and should be abolished altogether.

All systems of tax and public expenditure can be regarded as bargains beween the citizen and the State to suit each age, to meet the needs of business, of society and of protection. Britain still operates what is essentially the mid-20th-century bargain, with high income taxes, with over 40 per cent of the national income taken by the State, with an unfavourable environment for individual saving and responsibility, with very high social expenditure, and with a large public welfare sector. The discovery of the Thatcher and Reagan administrations was that parts of this bargain were already out of date. The Newt Gingrich thesis is that much — though not all — of what remains is also out of date.

Whichever party comes to power in Britain in 1997, the bargain for the next century will be very different. *The new bargain will accept new* forms of economic change and the real power of the new class of internationally mobile information workers. It will return to a wealthier middle class the responsibility for a larger area of their own welfare. It will certainly have to shift from taxing income to taxing expenditure. *It will stop taxing savings altogether.* The first party to promise to abolish income tax inside one parliament will be the first to show that it understands the emerging requirements of the 21st century.

Scrubbed out

THE PRISON SERVICE and its Director-General, Derek Lewis, cannot afford to relax in the wake of riots, breakouts and the death of Fred West. They have postponed the annual Prison Service party, which was due tonight.

Organisers of the knees-up spent much of yesterday desperately trying to contact more than 200 guests who had been invited by Lewis and the Prisons Board to drinks and a buffet supper at Glaziers' Hall in London. But by late afternoon many invitees still hadn't heard that the entertainment had been cancelled.

The Prison Service says the party would have been inappropriate, given recent events. But it had, by all accounts, laid on a sumptuous spread, kicking off with wine produced by inmates at East Sutton Park in Kent, who are very rarely entitled to drink their tipple. An address by Lewis would have followed, then on to a buffet supper of "Prison Service produce prepared by our own chef".

Many were looking forward to the evening. "However, it would have been most unfortunate timing," says one. "Let's hope guests have all been told in time, otherwise the Prison Service will be in the unusual position of actually turning away customers." Staff at Glaziers' Hall, which cost the service £800 to rent, were disappointed too: "It's very difficult actually," said a spokeswoman. "Yes, it's awful. Who would have thought all these things could have happened? I feel most sorry for them."

● *As Maurice Saatchi empties his desk after 25 years at Saatchi & Saatchi, he won't be shovelling mementoes into any old holdall. He was pictured recently clutching a vast briefcase made by Louis Vuitton and costing an estimated £1,450.*

Granted

HUGH GRANT is to lend a touch of class to Madame Tussaud's. The waxwork will be unveiled this summer, along with Linford Christie, Terry Venables, Stephen Hawking and a perma-tanned David Copperfield (colour artists will be flown to the United States to ensure the depth of his tan is exactly matched).

"Hugh Grant was only booked two weeks before he came in for his first sitting," says a representative. "Normally we would have to book a subject two or three months in advance, but he jumped at the chance." Grant will be asked to donate his own clothing for the dummy, and one can only hope that it will not be his costume from the forthcoming film version of Beryl Bainbridge's novel *An Awfully Big Adventure* — in which he plays a powdered and bewigged member of a theatrical troupe.

To the dogs

THE Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, took time out on Tuesday to poke around his ancestral roots. He was visiting his family home at Trablogan after attending celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the founding of University College, Cork.

Sadly, the residence is now a holiday complex. His great-grandfather, the first Lord Fermoy, lost the estate in the 1850s to his cousins, the Fitzgeralds of Ballymaloe, in a wager on a greyhound. "The details are hazy," says Mayhew — hazily. "The only fact that everyone seems to be sure of is that the dog was called Ballymaloe Lad."

Stepping out

THE DUKE of Buccleuch, Britain's biggest individual landowner, is so keen to encourage hikers on his 277,000 acres in Scotland that he has joined the Ramblers' Association. "My family's lands have always been accessible to anybody. In fact it would be nice to see a few more walkers up here," he says.

"A ludicrous amount of sparring has gone on in the past," he adds. "We've allowed access for 150 years, and I don't think there's much to be worried about." Buccleuch has been wheelchair-bound since a riding accident 23 years ago, and says he won't be joining any official jaunts. "I've been to the top of every hill in southern Scotland in my car, but I don't think that would suit the Ramblers."

Hick up

MICHAEL ATHERTON'S decision to declare in Sydney yesterday with Graeme Hick just two runs short of his century was not the first time the Worcestershire batsman was robbed of a landmark score at the crease. He was fast approaching the highest score in a county championship match in 1988 when his side declared, leaving him just 20 short of the 425 needed to beat the record set in 1895.

Graeme Hick: repeatedly robbed, but spurred

Duncan Fearnley, chairman of Worcestershire and the master batmaker who has provided Hick with a new bat for the Ashes tour, believes his man shrugs off such setbacks. "I'm sure he was not too pleased, but I expect it will spur him on to better things."

● *I hope that 1995 improves for Princess Michael of Kent. She spent its first three days at the Winfield Medical Centre in Gloucester, after being admitted on New Year's Eve with a viral infection of the ear.*

P·H·S

NO ESCAPE

Howard must restore public confidence in the prisons

Rarely has the Prison Service been struck by so humiliating a series of embarrassments as in the past week. On Sunday, the alleged serial murderer Frederick West was found hanged in his cell at Winson Green prison in Birmingham. There have been two riots at Everthorpe jail in Humberside. Meanwhile, three men described by the police as "extremely dangerous" are on the loose because of lax security at Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight. Public confidence in the prison system could scarcely be at a lower ebb.

Derek Lewis, the service's Director-General, should have resigned last month after the highly critical Woodcock report on the escape from Whitemoor prison. His position looks even weaker now. Yesterday, however, attention was focused on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and the degree of responsibility he should accept for the events of the last few days.

Few would claim that the death of Mr West, however regrettable, justifies the resignation of ministers. Equally, to suggest that a prison riot is the fault of the Home Secretary seems perverse. Conditions at Everthorpe are not unreasonable. Its inmates may indeed be aggrieved about the new restrictions on home leave and Mr Howard's general commitment to make prison life more rigorous. But such grievances do not justify violent uprisings of the kind which forced 150 prison officers into riot gear on Tuesday night.

Unless prisoners are denied all rights of free association, there will always be a partial risk that disturbances will flare up from time to time. All reasonable measures should be taken to limit this risk. But to call for the Home Secretary's resignation every time a riot occurs is to hand a dangerous political weapon to the nation's jail population. It is no accident that disorder tends to break out seasonally, at times of the year when it is likely to attract maximum coverage. The desire of prisoners to embarrass the Government should never be underestimated. They must never be granted the power to dislodge a Home Secretary by persistent rioting. Far more serious than the Everthorpe disorder was the Parkhurst breakout. In spite of a high ratio of staff to prisoners, the régime at the prison appears to have grown astonishingly lax.

Mr Lewis admitted yesterday that the escape of the three men reflected "a failure to follow basic security procedures". He did not explain why he had failed to act upon the warning of Judge Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, who found "serious security defects" at Parkhurst in October. As it is, three dangerous criminals are on the loose. Sir John Learmont's official inquiry into the breakout must be unsparing in its analysis of what went wrong.

Mr Howard's more general task is to restore public confidence in the Prison Service; it is hard to see how he can do so as long as Mr Lewis remains at its helm. The Home Secretary must also press ahead with his new independent unit to supervise the work of the Prison Service. It is clear that communication within the system is still lamentably poor and that many governors do not fully understand their responsibilities. The service has benefited from its new status as a semi-independent agency. But, more than most branches of government, it cannot afford transitional difficulties as prisons shift from one system to another.

Mr Howard must also protect his own position. Because the Home Secretary has such a vast area of responsibility, it is necessary to draw a distinction between individual operational failures, which are rarely his direct responsibility, and major policy decisions, which always are. A Home Office minister will rarely resign because of an individual escape or prison riot; he would be expected to do so if a policy he had devised went disastrously wrong. But this distinction is not absolute. As operational failures mount up, ministers must accept that they are failing in their primary task — to maintain public faith in the criminal justice system. It has never been more important for Mr Howard to succeed.

SINGLE ISSUE HOOLIGANS

Direct action is an arrogant rejection of democracy

We are a nation of animal lovers. But that does not alter the distaste ordinary British people feel for activists who blithely announce that their violent vandalism is a legitimate response to lawful calf-trading. The cause of animal rights is not advanced by scenes of disorder in the media. Only those who seek to restrict personal liberty in our society can rejoice.

In a liberal democracy, political violence damages both the causes it claims to champion and the system of rights and responsibilities which tolerates lawful protest. Regrettably, the violence which has taken place in the name of animal rights at Shoreham harbour is not isolated. It vividly recalls larger disturbances that have erupted out of peaceful opposition. Last year, Park Lane became a battlefield on which police clashed with protesters against the Criminal Justice Bill. The year before, south London was the scene of bloody confrontation between police and hooligans determined to provoke far-right activists in their headquarters. Before that much of central London was smashed up during riots against the poll tax.

None of this is acceptable in our political culture. Indeed, the peaceful organisers of such protests almost always lament their violent ending. They invoke Britain's glorious tradition of lawful protest. They rightly distinguish between the disturbances caused by a small band of determined troublemakers and the legitimate actions of the majority of law-abiding protesters. Last night, Compassion in World Farming, which had staged a peaceful two month campaign at Shoreham, abandoned plans for any further demonstrations in response to the violence. Other animal rights groups which wish to distance themselves from the disorder should follow this responsible lead.

Britain's political system allows the representation of all points of view. Those who go outside do not deserve concessions, even if they do win airtime on national television by the nature of their actions. The ability to muster thousands of people to run riot on the streets of London may impress the cameras; but it is no mandate within an electorate of millions.

Peaceful protest plays a respectable part in our political culture. But the forms of direct action increasingly endorsed by some of the most established campaign groups deserve no such respect. Claims of desperation lose their political force when they become routine — as they have in this age of obsessive single issue lobbying. The incidents at Shoreham, Hyde Park and elsewhere show that direct action can easily degenerate into aggression. Disorder of this kind should be condemned unequivocally.

TRY, TRY, TRY AGAIN

September 1895: the first rugby league match is played

The origins of most games lie buried in the muddy scrums and mauls of folklore. Unlike that of most games, the origin of rugby league can be dated precisely.

Victorian England was the mother of team games. On August 29, 1895, 21 northern rugby clubs held a meeting that decided to break away from the Rugby Union. They were exasperated at the repeated refusals by the ruling body to allow them to compensate players for taking time off work to play rugby. Former public schoolboys in the City found it easier than the hard men from the mills and mines to make time off for games.

Nine days later the first matches were played under a different code.

The new rules were intended to entertain the paying spectators by encouraging more running and passing the ball, more tries, and less trench warfare, less heavy artillery of kicking. The two codes of rugby have diverged between amateur and professional and North and South, and never the twain halves shall meet.

Which is the better game is a question beyond all conjecture. Only once have the alternative versions of rugby been allowed to meet to put the question to the test. Fifty years ago a rugby union XV met a rugby league XV, playing union rules. Both sides of famous players were selected from the Combined Services. And, surprisingly, the league team managed the alien code well enough to win by three goals to two.

For this centenary year there is a proposal to stage a rematch between rugby union and rugby league, at Twickenham under union rules and elsewhere under league rules. Profits from the games would be in aid of some appropriate charity for the wounded such as the Red Cross, and would have the blessing of *The Times*. The matches might temporarily answer one of the puzzling questions that make sport philosophical.

The reason for the invention of rugby league has gone, now that top rugby union players are only as nominally amateur as Olympic athletes. But there is little prospect of the two codes amalgamating. On their day, both versions can make fine games. Off their day, both versions can be futility in the mud. Rugby league has the heavy cavalry and one of the few good novels written about sport, in David Storey's *This Sporting Life*. Rugby union offers more variety in depth, though now with excessive concentration on the hazard charge of the Garry Owen up-and-under. A scrum on the line can recapture the excitement of medieval mob football. Union is a better game for children because it provides roles for fat beagles as well as fit whippets.

But after a century of apartheid and class war, now is the time for rugby players of both codes to unite in part and end their unsporting mutual hostility. The two codes already learn from each other. The loop, in which a back passes the ball and then loops outside to take the ball again, is a league invention adopted by union players. At least they could make a break this year, by allowing a match against each other for the record. In the long run a rugby player should be allowed to play either code without penalty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour Party's proposals on Scottish devolution

From the Secretary of State for Scotland

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's incisive and timely article, "Into the quagmire of devolution" (January 2), should be required reading for all those who have so casually lent their support to policies to establish separate parliaments for Scotland and Wales, within the United Kingdom.

Some of the questions he poses might more aptly apply to an independent Scotland than to a "devolved" one, but he is right to blur the distinction because his conclusion, that Labour's devolution proposals would only be a temporary stopping-place on the road to full independence, is inescapably correct. Why else does the smiling Scottish National Party go along with them?

Within days of his election, the Leader of the Opposition plunged breezily into support for the policy of a Scottish parliament, with tax-raising powers, demanded by his large cohort of Scottish Labour MPs. Significantly, neither he nor they — 20 years after the last devolutionist spasm — have coherent answers to any of the questions William Rees-Mogg poses, nor indeed to many more besides.

The three workable constitutions the article identifies all have their supporters. The Conservative and Unionist Party adheres to the unitary systems, whilst Liberals and Scottish Nationalists respectively espouse federalist and separatist arrangements. It can at least be said for the latter two that, however wrong-headed, some kind of case can be made for them.

It is the fudged and facile offering of the Labour Party that is wholly indefensible. It is intellectually dishonest, born of fear of nationalism and the wish to appease it. The Prime Minister is absolutely right to expose it as a serious threat to the future of the United Kingdom (report, December 31).

Yours faithfully,
IAN LANG,
St Andrew's House, Edinburgh.
January 2.

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland

Sir, It is that very arrogant presumptiveness on Scotland displayed by Woodrow Wyatt ("Knowing Blair for what he is", January 3) which fuels the dangerous resentment which is itself the most serious threat to the United Kingdom that John Major says the Tories will "defend with every fibre of our being" (report, December 3). How can he claim that a Scottish parliament will be "forced" on the Scottish people without a referendum?

At the last general election three-quarters of Scottish voters voted for parties committed to radical constitutional change, and every test of opinion since then has shown consistent majorities in favour of a strong Scottish parliament inside, and strengthening, the United Kingdom. Are they to be ignored and dismissed?

If Woodrow Wyatt, and indeed Lord Rees-Mogg, will not listen to Tony Blair, let them listen to one of that virtually extinct breed, a prominent Scottish Tory councillor, Brian Meek, and his advice last September to Conservative chairman, Jeremy Hanley: "A devolved Scottish parliament is inevitable: it is only a question of when, and once established it will never be abolished even by the Tories."

The doctrine that the United Kingdom's constitution is such a fragile flower that it must be preserved without any change or improvement is of course contradicted by all that is presently going on in Northern Ireland. Woodrow Wyatt may not like that either, but the other ultra-unionist, Mr Major, has at least seen the need for dramatic innovation in that particular part of the kingdom. Common sense should tell us all that the peacefully expressed demand for change in Scotland and Wales deserves equal attention.

But just in case the complacency of some drum-bashing commentators carries weight may I draw attention to the "delighted" response of that arch-separatist and former Nationalist MP, Jim Sillars, who has called Mr Major's latest attack on Labour's devolution plans "pure dead brilliant".

Now there's a warning indeed.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE ROBERTSON,
House of Commons.
January 2.

From Dr Winifred M. Ewing, President of the Scottish National Party

Sir, I would like to endorse Mr Major's condemnation of the proposals by Mr Blair of the "new" Labour Party for Scottish devolution.

My party will do all in our power to convert the proposed Mickey Mouse parliament for Scotland into a normal one as enjoyed by other members of the European Union.

One in three Scottish voters last June gave their vote to our Euro-candidates who stood on the platform, "Scotland, independent in Europe".

We estimate that 43 per cent of the vote at the general election of 1995 or 1996 will give us the extra 10 percentage points and a majority of Scottish seats — Mr Major's requirements to allow negotiations to commence.

Yours for Scotland,
WINNIE EWING,
MEP for Highlands and Islands (European Radical Alliance (Scottish National Party)),
Goodwill,
Miltonduff, Elgin, Moray.
December 31.

From Mr D. J. Bridle

Sir, If Scotland is a nation then surely England is also a nation.

The proposal to divide the country into regions is insulting to the English and should not be countenanced.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. BRIDLE,
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Wrington, Bristol, Avon.
January 2.

Recalling Britain's Antarctic heritage

From Mr Paul B. High

Sir, John Young, in his interesting report of December 21 on the recovery of Scott's much travelled inkwell (see also letters, December 26), illustrates a concern far deeper than the dip of a great explorer's pen.

It took the enthusiasm, the skill and the money of our friends in New Zealand to take the initiative in preserving both Scott's and Shackleton's huts as memorials and as a resource for the youth of Britain to inherit.

Within the British-administered Antarctic Treaty Area there are at least 17 bases that need to be conserved as an integral part of our national heritage. Sir Edmund Hillary, in a memorable lecture at the Royal Geographical Society last October, outlined the importance of that heritage and gave his patronage to the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, whose stated purpose is "to inform and educate the British people about their Antarctic heritage, and to preserve that heritage in the Antarctic and in Britain".

The trust, together with the Scott Polar Research Institute, has recently invited me to define ways in which our Antarctic heritage can be presented to the youth of Britain. During a sabbatical term this autumn I shall attempt to do that and also undertake my first visit to the bases on the Antarctic Peninsula.

I would be pleased to hear from your readers of ways in which the trust's aim might be achieved: of Antarctic experiences that might not be recorded in the scientific literature; of souvenirs from any British Antarctic base that I would undertake to return to their appropriate home; and finally of those who would like to subscribe to, and join, the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust.

With January 24 being the centenary of what may have been the first recorded landing on the mainland of Antarctica it could be that the great British public may not just dip into their inkwells, or even their consciences, but possibly their pockets too!

Yours sincerely,
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January 1.

Classical top ten

From Mr David Chesterman

Sir, Analysis of all symphonies scheduled for performance in London's Royal Albert, Royal Festival, Queen Elizabeth and Barbican halls and at St John's Smith Square during 1994 shows that Beethoven remains in the lead, with 49, while Mozart is still runner-up, with 32.

Mahler keeps third place with a praiseworthy 28¼, although some would argue that the discarded "Blumine" from No 1 should be counted as one fifth, not a quarter.

Brahms rises from ninth to fourth place with 22, Sibelius has 17½, Shostakovich 14½, Haydn 14, Tchaikovsky 12, Schubert 11, and Bruckner sneaks in with ten.

For the first time in 44 years Dvorak does not make it — he scores only nine.

The outright winner is a newcomer: Mozart No 40, 11 times.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID CHESTERMAN,
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Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.
January 1.

Universities in crisis

From Mr Nigel C. Hollingdale

Sir, While the Chief Executive of the Association of University and College Lecturers (letter, December 23) understandably draws attention to the issues of responsibility, she may not be totally correct in her description of the checks on maladministration in the "old" universities.

First, in a typical old university there is a governing council — a court in Scotland — on which there is a lay majority prescribed by the statutes of the institution. No university which sought to amend its instruments of government to substitute an academic or staff majority would secure the necessary approval from the Privy Council.

Secondly, too much emphasis should not be placed on the role of the "visitor". Not every old university has one, and in practice many disputes will result in direct reference to the courts. Section 206 of the 1988 Education Reform Act has in any case removed any jurisdiction a visitor might have in matters relating to the appointment or employment of members of the academic staff.

The hope must be that each university's system of governance will include appropriate checks and balances to obviate the need for recourse to an external forum.

Many of the recently publicised problems in the new universities seem at least in part to result from the Government's misplaced zeal for the "independent" members of their governing bodies, together with an entirely inappropriate managerial ethos.

Yours faithfully,
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December 23.

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England cricket

From Mr John English

Sir, Whilst Eric Stockton's suggestion (letter, December 31) of a two-tier structure for Test cricket may or may not make cricketing sense, it does not make economic sense and will therefore not happen.

Even a mediocre England side currently draws more Australians to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, more South Africans to Newlands, than do better-quality sides from most of the other Test-playing countries.

Further, whilst it remains as lucrative as it presently is for them, no sensible overseas cricket authority would seek to do other than to tour England as often as is practically possible.

Such tours also provide much needed revenue for the English county cricket clubs, without which many would be unable to survive.

A more fundamental concern than England's depressing recent performances per se is the extent to which they will affect the willingness of the English cricketing public to pay, often six months in advance, some £30 or so per day to watch representative matches in England.

Once the TCCB loses its ability to make a tour of England financially attractive to the major Test-playing nations — with matches against the counties and other representative sides — then Test and county cricket as we know it will disappear, probably within the space of ten years.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ENGLISH,
Wychwood House,
Little Barrington, Oxfordshire.
January 1.

From Mr Eric Stockton

Sir, My letter seems to have done some good! The power of the press is truly awesome.

Yours etc,
ERIC STOCKTON,
West Cott, Sanday, Orkney.

From Mr Godfrey Graham

Sir, It is a bad state of affairs when an Irishman has to advise the English on their national game.

The problem with English cricket at present is a lack of creative imagination. Sober administrators, usually ex-batsmen who do not understand the art of bowling, are framing the policy. The result: a preponderance of medium-pace bowlers and the total lack of encouragement of the slow bowler, expecially the wrist spinner.

Ian Salisbury is no Shane Warne but he has got Test wickets. The selectors didn't bring him to Australia, where he could have continued to learn his art on wickets with more bounce made for Warne. English batsmen are mechanical and predictable in technique and any class wrist spinner will cause them immense problems. Because the wrist spinner is not encouraged they never learn the skills that are required.

As a consequence of the neglect of the leg-spin bowler in English cricket the results have been catastrophic.

Yours etc,
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Christmas leave

From Mr David Burton

Sir, The BBC this morning gave us the annual whinge, this time from the Institute of Directors, about the length of Christmas holiday taken by industry in the UK. Let me give your readers the facts from the heart of the industrial Midlands.

Many manufacturing companies closed on Thursday, December 22, taking the Friday in lieu of May Day which in this region has always been a working day. The three non-Bank Holiday days of last week were taken as part of the annual holiday entitlement. Our summer shutdowns are not as lengthy as most of our European competitors and the number of statutory holidays is less.

Overall our industrial unit labour costs are now very competitive, which is why we are enjoying so much inward investment into foreign-owned manufacturing facilities in this region.

The regeneration of national confidence is not helped by uninformed comment from those who should know better. Let us at least start the year as optimists.

Yours faithfully,
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NHS pay beds

From Mr John Studd

Sir, Mr Barry Hassell (letter, December 22) is correct to remind us that the independent sector of medicine makes a considerable contribution to the nation's health care. We have to thank Harold Wilson and Barbara Castle's attack on NHS pay beds in 1974 for the establishment of a thriving private sector outside the National Health Service.

However, the great majority of these excellent hospitals, although boasting proud British names such as Lister, Cromwell, Wellington, Devonshire, Churchill, etc, are owned by foreign companies because of our own ambivalent attitude towards private medicine.

It is for this reason that we must support the opening of a ward of NHS pay beds at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. We have a simple choice of allowing considerable amounts of money to leave this country to the American, Kuwaiti, Pakistani and French companies who have a major investment in the private hospitals in London or using the pay-bed revenues to support the NHS.

This logic seems overwhelming if we believe the Government's view, which I do not, that there are already too many NHS beds in London. If this eccentric view is used to justify closing down famous and efficient teaching hospitals it must be used to support the use of these apparently unoccupied or unnecessary beds for profitable and high-standard private medicine within the NHS.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN STUDD
(Consultant gynaecologist),
120 Harley Street, W1.
December 23.

Oxfordshire airport

From Mrs Martin Trowell

Sir, On December 28 the people of the villages in the Vale of the White Horse, Oxfordshire, found their lives potentially ruined and the value of their properties drastically reduced by a report on page 5 of your newspaper.

A giant airport is proposed, a mere 3,413 houses "affected", 87 demolished and any objections by the thousands of us in the surrounding countryside are branded as "tyranny of the status quo" by the developers. It seems these plans completely bypassed all the usual channels, thus expressing total insensitivity to the reactions of the people affected.

I trust the Government will kill this madcap scheme in its infancy and not condemn the whole of the Vale of the White Horse to years of speculation, uncertainty, a paralysed housing market and the eventual prospect of the ruination of this part of England, which contains many conservation areas and listed buildings, and which is known and loved by so many.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON TROWELL,
The Old Vicarage,
West Hanney, Wantage, Oxfordshire.
January 3.

Dressing the part

From Mrs M. J. Peel

Sir, It is to be hoped that the Reverend Edward Underhill (letter, December 20) does not patronise charity shops only to equip himself with "rambling gear". I can assure him that at least one well-dressed cleric of my acquaintance looks very smart at present in a nearly-new Harris tweed jacket which was priced at £3.95 but bought for £2, as we went to the shop on a "half-price" day. However, on telling my elderly mother of our "bargain" she merely observed: "That much? And in a charity shop too!"

Yours truly,
D. PEEL,
Linslade Vicarage, Linslade,
Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Fairy-tale ending?

From Mrs Sarah Jewell

Sir, Your report (December 31, later editions) of the attack on the unfortunate actress playing Cinderella, Julia Jones, quotes her agent as saying that she is a "real trooper".

Are we to assume that Cinderella's regiment is to be issued with glass footwear and that night exercises will end before midnight?

Yours faithfully,
SARAH JEWELL,
Tamar House, Coldmoorholm Lane,
Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.
January 2.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Prince of Wales will pay official visits to Egypt and Morocco in March.

Today's royal engagement

Princess Margaret will open the Cambridge University exhibition "Foundations for the Future" at Christie's, King Street, at noon.

Birthdays today

The King of Spain celebrates his 57th birthday today.

The Grand Duke of Luxembourg celebrates his 74th birthday today.

Mr Alfred Brendel, concert pianist, 64; Mr Tom Burke, environmentalist, 48; Mrs Jean Clark, president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 60; Mr Terry Davis, MP, 57; the Earl of Dudley, 75; Sir Frank Hartley, former Vice-Chancellor, London University, 84; Sir Alan Hume, civil servant, 82; Miss Diane Keaton, actress, 49; Lord Kingsdown, KG, 68; Miss Jan Leeming, broadcaster, 53; Mr Maurizio Pollini, pianist, 53; Sir Norman Price, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 80; Major-General H. Quinlan, 89; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, 55; Mr Wilhelm Soukop, sculptor, 88; General Sir John Stibbon, 60; the Hon Mrs Alison Wright, director-general, British Invisibles, 50; Lord Wynford, 78.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:

£100,000: 5AP 111825, winner from Coventry (holding of £376); 6KP 181289, Portsmouth (£10).

£50,000: 23SP 551710, York (£422), 33QW 696492, Kent (£15,000); 33HP 205000, Kent (£5,000).

£25,000: 31CS 590302, Suffolk (£2,000); 27KP 823589, Mid Glamorgan (£2,095); 28WF 865870, Middlesex (£2,250), 16AF 023873, Worcestershire (£2,120).

Appointments

Mrs Loraine Morgan to be a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate from January 12.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Lyons, 1767; Robert Morrison, founder of Protestant missions in China, Morpeth, 1782; John Burke, genealogist and *founder of Burke's Peerage*, 1787; King Camp Gillette, inventor of the safety razor, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 1855; Konrad Adenauer, 1st Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Cologne, 1876; Humbert Wolfe, poet, Milan, 1886 (he also died on January 5, London, 1940); Jack Lovelock, surgeon and Olympic 1,500m gold medallist (1936), Cushington, New Zealand, 1910; Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, *Prime Minister of Pakistan* 1971-77, Larkana, India, 1928.

DEATHS: Edward the Confessor, King of England reigned 1042-66, London, 1066; Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen, Birmingham, 1873; Sir Ernest Shackleton, explorer, South Georgia, Antarctica, 1922; Amy Johnson, aviatrix, on a flight across the Thames estuary, 1941.

Pope Paul VI met Patriarch Athenagoras I in Jerusalem, the first meeting between the leaders of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches in more than 500 years, 1964.

One-day cricket was born when England played Australia at Melbourne after the Test match had been abandoned because of rain, 1971.

Marriage

Mr I.G. Coleman and Miss A. Denza

The marriage took place on January 2, 1995, at St Mary's Church, Hampstead, between Ian Gilbert, son of Professor Robert Coleman and the late Mrs Coleman, of Cambridge, and Antonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Denza, of Hampstead. The Rector, Father Michael Brockie, officiated.

Night Sky

The correct telephone number to ring to order copies of *The Times* Night Sky 1995 booklet by post is 041 772 2281 (24 hour), and not the number published on Tuesday. The price is £3.50 plus £2.50 p&p.

GRAEME STOREY

Members of the Shetland Vintage Car and Motorcycle Club took their vehicles with them when they cleared rubbish from Spiggie beach. Nearly 3,000 volunteers from 116 organisations helped to tidy the islands last year

Islanders spring-clean their way to success

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

EACH year the people of Shetland participate in a huge spring-clean of the islands which has helped to maintain their reputation as one of the cleanest places in Britain.

This year the islanders efforts have won them one of The Times/Touche Ross Community Enterprise Awards for improvements to the local environment.

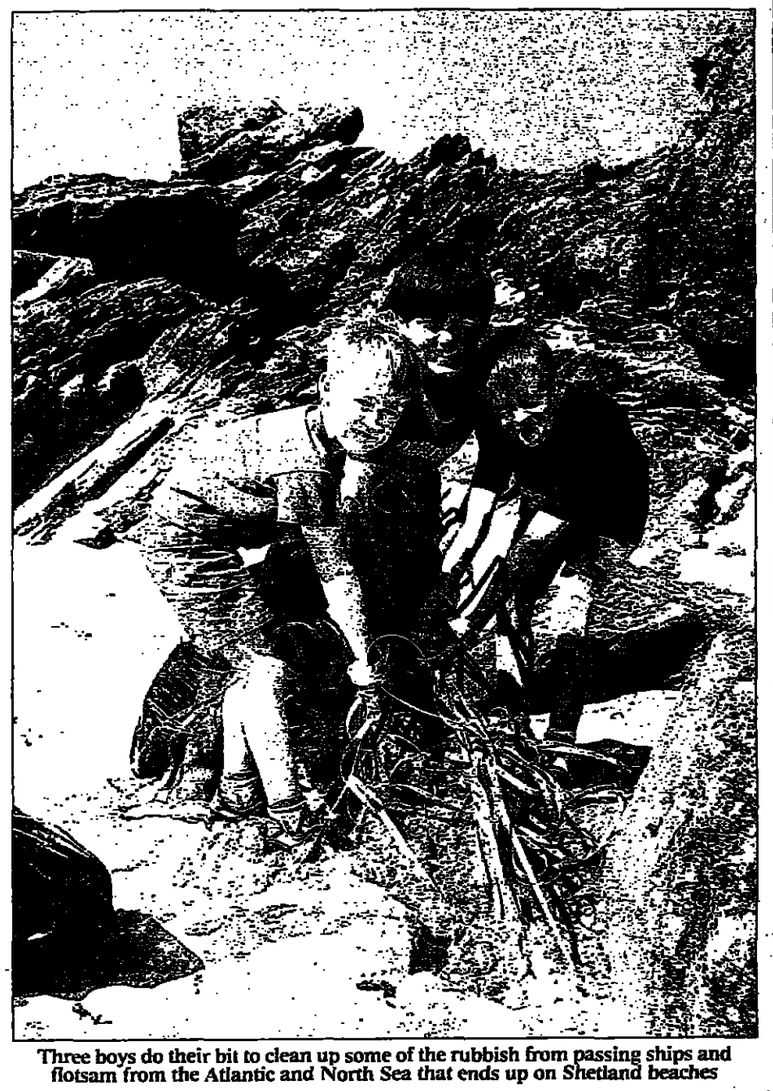
Da Voar Redd Up is the Shetland name for the annual ritual which last year saw 10 per cent of the total population of the islands participate in the clean-up of beaches and roads. The scheme has been running for seven years and each year more rubbish is collected.

In 1994, 2,750 volunteers of all ages from 116 clubs, schools and women's institutes collected 8,000 black bags full of rubbish in a single weekend. Thirty beaches and 300 miles of roadside were cleaned. Fishing nets, oil drums, boxes, ropes and packaging were removed from the beaches, which are among some of the most unspoilt in the country.

The project is backed by local sponsorship and prizes worth around £10,000 to reward and encourage the volunteers to recognise the value of their efforts to industry and Shetland. If Shetland Islands' Council mounted a similar clean-up it would cost £40,000.

In addition to picking up litter and disposing of it safely, the project includes a litter survey to analyse the amounts, type and materials collected.

The judges chose the Shetland scheme from more than 760 community projects because it is one of the most imaginative and successful community-led projects in Britain. Because of that it is also among four projects in the running for the top community award, the Charles Douglas-Home award, which is worth an extra £2,000. In addition to keeping Shetland clean and involving a high percentage of the local community, Da Voar Redd Up heightens local people's awareness of litter all year round.



Three boys do their bit to clean up some of the rubbish from passing ships and flotsam from the Atlantic and North Sea that ends up on Shetland beaches

Da Voar Redd Up, the Shetlands spring-clean, has won one of the two Times *Awards for Improvements to the Local Environment in the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards sponsored by* The Times *and Touche Ross and organised by Business in the Community. The awards will be presented by the Prince of Wales in Manchester on February 8.*

THE TIMES COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE AWARDS

School news

Chigwell School
Lent Term at Chigwell School starts today and ends on Friday, March 24. Entrance examinations for 11 year age group entry and Harsnen Scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, January 21, and for 7 to 10 year age groups on Saturday, January 7. The Music Scholarship auditions will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4. The Lent Term Concert will take place on Thursday, February 16, during the Arts Festival Week which will run from Sunday, February 12, to Friday, February 17. Full programme for the Arts Festival available from the Headmaster's Secretary. Old Chigwellians who wish to attend the Shrove Tuesday Supper on February 28 should contact the Headmaster's Secretary.

Latymer Upper School, W6
Spring Term at Latymer Upper School commences today, and ends on March 31, 1995. As part of the continuing Centenary Celebrations, a Concert will be held in Westminster Central Hall on March 25, 1995, at which The Latymer Upper School Orchestra, The Godolphin & Latymer Orchestra, and the Latymer & Godolphin Choral Society will be joined by the Orchestra of the Johanneum, Hamburg. Any old boys who have yet to receive information about Reunions and other events, and who wish to be involved in the programme of Centenary Celebrations should contact The Second Master on 081 741 1851.

Wrekin College
The Lent Term at Wrekin College begins today. The Royal Shakespeare Company brings its touring production of *Henry VI* to the school from January 17-21. The Choral Society will sing the Beethoven *Mass in C* on March 17 and the Jazz Concert takes place on March 23. The Lower Sixth will perform *The Ice Palace* by Lucinda Coxon on March 8-10. The Old Wrekinian hockey matches will be played on March 18. There is an Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form entrants on March 2. Term ends on Friday, March 24.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.F. Baring and Miss T.J. Brooks
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Peter and Tessa Baring, and Tessa, second daughter of Andrew and Helen Brooks, of The Mains of Kynachan, Strath Tummel.

Mr J.D. Church and Miss V.A. Hewett
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of the late Lieutenant Colonel J.C. Church, MC, and the late Mrs J.O. Hambro, and Vanessa, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Richard Hewett, of Kirdford, West Sussex.

Mr E.K. Clarke and Miss L.A. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Edward Kenneth, younger son of the late His Honour Judge and Mrs Paul Clarke, of Chudleigh, Devon, and Clifton, Bristol, and Lisa Alexandra, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Johnson, of Scalby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Mr B.J.S. Cooper and Miss K.L. Duddy
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter J. Cooper, of Brook House, North End, Dunmow, Essex, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Duddy, of Perrysburg, Ohio, USA.

Mr D.T. Davidson and Miss D.J. Price
The engagement is announced between Darren Terence, only son of Mr and Mrs Terence Davidson, and Deborah Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Price, both of Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire.

Mr C.G. del Strother and Miss N.J. Woodcock
The engagement is announced between Colin Graham, son of the late Mr W.S. del Strother and of Mrs Cecilia del Strother, of London, SW1, and Naomi Jane, youngest daughter of Squadron Leader W.J. Woodcock, RAF, retd, and Mrs Woodcock, of Churchdown, Gloucestershire.

Captain R.A.C. Duncan and Miss C.L. Thompson
The engagement is announced between *Captain Ruadhri Duncan*, Grenadier Guards, younger son of Colonel A.T.W. Duncan and Mrs Cassa Duncan, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Thompson, of Holbeach Hurn, Lincolnshire.

Mr P.L.M. Graham and Miss H.S.E. Harwood
The engagement is announced between Paul Graham, of Barnes, Surrey, only son of the late Lawrie Graham and of Mrs Heather Graham, of Holland Villas Road, London, W14, and Helena Sophie *Eaton Harwood, daughter of Commander* and Mrs Henry Harwood, of The Old Vicarage, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr D.S. Harrison and Miss L.M. Chappell
The engagement is announced between Douglas, second son of Mr and Mrs Ewan Harrison, of Churchfield, Colintraive, Argyllshire, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Chappell, of Glenview, Oldtown of Leys, Inverness.

Mr R.J.N. Howorth and Mrs K.D. Summerhayes
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Howorth, of Cobham, Surrey, and Diana, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs Brian Lees, of Kenley, Shropshire.

Captain M.E. Johnson-Ferguson, RE, and Dr J.C. Getley
The engagement is announced between Mark Edward, eldest son of Sir Ian and Lady Johnson-Ferguson, of Upper Clatford, Hampshire, and Julia Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Getley, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.P. Jowett and Miss G.C. McDonald
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mrs Hazel Wakelam, of Crookes, Sheffield, and Mr Colin Jowett, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Celia, daughter of the late Mr *Dominic McDonald* and of Mrs Winifred McDonald, of Blundellsands, Liverpool.

Mr D.S. Kelley and Miss A.E.V. Chadwick
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs T. Kelley, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Alison, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs A.F. Chadwick, of Pulborough, West Sussex.

Mr A.J. Layton and Miss G.M. Beardon
The engagement is announced between Andrew John, eldest son of Mr A.R. Layton, of Alderminster, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, and Mrs D.D. Layton, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Gillian Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Beardon, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.R. Leppard and Miss C.A. Blower
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman Leppard, of Claygate, Surrey, and Camilla, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Blower, of Westbourne, West Sussex.

Mr D.R.C. Mair and Miss P.L.P. Stewart
The engagement is announced between David Robert Crosby, only son of the late Mr Duncan Mair and of Mrs M.C. Mair, of *Burwell, Cambridgeshire*, and Philippa Lucy Patricia, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Stewart, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr E.J.A.K. Mitchell and Miss S.L. Fletcher
The engagement is announced between Edward James Alfred Kirkland Mitchell, of Blackheath, elder son of Edward and Margaret Mitchell, of Blackheath, and Sarah Louise, elder daughter of Malcolm and Rhona Fletcher, of Aldbourne, near Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Mr S.P. Phillips and Miss W.V. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Phillips, of London, and Wendy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Palmer, of Wellesbourne, Warwick.

Captain S.T. Pollington, RTR, and Miss A.L. Turnbull
The engagement is announced between Sebastian Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pollington, of Frant, East Sussex, and Antonia Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Turnbull, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr B.A.P. Roberts and Miss J.R. Franklin
The engagement is announced between Brendan, elder son of the late Dr E.O. Roberts and of Mrs A.M.B. Roberts, of Crew, Cheshire, and Johanna, younger daughter of Mr T.G. Franklin, of St Paul de Vence, France, and Mrs L.R. Franklin, of Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr C.L. Smith and Miss V.H.G. Maby
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Farnham, Surrey, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Maby, of New York and London.

Captain C.D. Wombell and Miss M.C. Russell
The engagement is announced between Captain Charles David Wombell, 3rd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Wombell, of North Duffield, Yorkshire, and Marliska, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Russell, of Tilford, Surrey.

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If you do well, you hold your head up: if not, sin is a demon crouching at the door: it will desire you, and you will be mastered by it. Genesis 4 : 7 (REB)
Tuesday 27th Nov

BIRTHS

BARHAM - On December 29th 1994, to Lulu (née Hill) and James, a son, Jack Thomas Ellis.

BARR - On 19th December, to Lindsey (nee Gretton) and Andrew, a son, Charles Patrick, "Charlie", a brother for Laura and Katie.

HAMSHAW THOMAS - On December 25th, to Jacquie and Charlie, a son, Joe Christopher, a brother for Jack and Billy.

HUGHES-ONSLOW - On 1st January 1995, to Laura (née Newton) and Anthony, a daughter, Seresa Alice, a sister for Harry.

KEELING - On 4th January 1995, to Vanessa and Paul, a son, Jasper Barnaby, a brother for Fred.

LAING - On 1st January 1995 at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Anne-Marie (née Neill) and Rodney, a son, William John Charles.

LANGLEY COLEMAN - On 30th December 1994 in Hong Kong to Caroline and Russell, a son, Quintin Alexander Ignatius, a brother for Clarissa.

MOURNSEY - On January 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Laura (née Simpson) and John, a handsome son, William, a brother for Henry and Jake.

NORRIS - On 29th December at The Portland Hospital, to Helen (née John) and Paul, a son, Christopher, a brother for Sarah and Hannah.

ROGERS - On 28th December 1994, in Chester, to Caroline (nee Tester) and David, a daughter, Annabel Clare, a sister for Luke and Charles.

SMITH - On Monday January 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Beatrice (née Maiestroit de Brue) and Stephen, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte.

STEWART-ROBERTS - On 23rd December 1994, in Budapest, to Louise and Daniel, a son, Hugo Oliver.

UGWUZOR - On January 2nd at Kingston Hospital, to Sarah (née Winter) and Eze, a son, Alexander Ezeri.

VARLEY - On December 5th, to Carolyn (née Pesse) and John, a son, George.

WATERMAN - On January First at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra and Keith, a beautiful daughter, Sarah Rebecca.

WILSON - On 31st December 1994, at St James's, Leeds, to David and Rosemary, a beautiful daughter, Anna Rose, sister for Christopher and James.

DEATHS

ADDISON - On 4th January 1995, peacefully at his home, *48 Averill* Crescent, Dunmires, James B. Addison O.B.E. (Retired Works Manager I.C.I. Dunstfield), dearly loved husband of Muriel Gilbert, loved father of Lesley and a loving grandfather. Service at St George's Church, Dunmires, on Monday 9th January at 11.30 am, to which all friends are respectfully invited to attend. Private cremation thereafter. No flowers by request.

AUSTIN - Lloyd James, M.A., F.B.A., Emeritus Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, formerly Drapers Professor of French, died on Friday 30th December 1994, aged 79 years. Funeral to be held at 11.30 am on Thursday 12th January 1995 at Cambridge Crematorium. No flowers by request.

BARTER - On December 31st 1994, after a long struggle but short illness, Lindsay, beloved wife of Simon, adored mother of James and Alistair and dear daughter of Joy Galloway. Funeral, St Peter's, Chelmsle. 1 pm Monday January 9th. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to The Musgrove Leukaemia Fund c/o D. Rivett, F/D. 13 Wyndham Street, Yeovil, tel: (0935) 33737.

CARTWRIGHT - On January 4th 1995, Ruth, aged 105, widow of Canon J.L. Cartwright. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Peterborough Cathedral on Monday January 16th at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

CHAMBERS - David Gosling, Indian Civil Service (retd.), aged 87, on Wednesday 4th January, peacefully in Oxford. Beloved husband of Jean, dear father of William and Richard, grandfather of Josephine, Robert and Larry. By his request his body has been given to medical research.

CHURCH - Alice Maud, of Harpenden, Herts., on December 31st 1994, aged 93, wife of the late Leslie, mother of Jane, Richard and Christopher. Enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors tel: (0582) 712865.

COBB - On January 4th 1996 peacefully at home after a long and brave fight, Robert Anthony (Tony) aged 71 years, most dear and loving husband of Liz, beloved father of Alli and Sara and devoted granpa to his six granddaughters. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul, Shorne, on Wednesday January 11th at 2 pm followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Ellenor Foundation, Livingstone Community Hospital, East Hill, Dartford, DA1 1SA.

COSHALL - Arthur Thomas, died 1st January 1995, peacefully after a long illness. Beloved father and grandfather. Funeral at Falconwood Crematorium on Friday 13th January 1995 at 9.45 am.

DODDS - On 1st January, after a short illness, Hilda Mary (Hilly), aged 87, sister of Alison and the late Winifred and Edna. Sadly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral Service on Thursday 12th January at 1 pm at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, London W10. Family flowers only.

EDGE - Henry Roy, Grp. Cpt., A.F.C., RAF retd., F.B.I.M., aged 79, on Tuesday 3rd January 1995, in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, barely two months after the death of his beloved wife Gwendoline. Sadly to be missed by their children Paul, John and Rosemary and grandchildren Joanna, Richard, Sally-Anne, Jonathan, William, Anna and Katy. The funeral service will be at St Michael's Church, Sunningdill, at 11am Wednesday 11th January. Donations to the RAF Benevolent Fund, PO Box 1940, Fairford, Glos GL7 4NA are preferred. Family flowers to Messrs. Lines Bannister & Co., High Street, Ascot, tel: (0344) 20266.

EVERETT - On January 2nd, peacefully in the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, George Edwin Noel, aged 91 years. Much loved father of Susan, grandfather of Sarah, Camilla and Georgina and great-grandfather of Ella. Funeral Service at Fletching Parish Church on Friday January 6th at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations may be sent for the MacMillan Appeal for the new Brighton and Hove Hospice, to Fuller & Scott, Funeral Directors, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, East Sussex, tel: (0825) 763241.

FORD - On December 29th 1994, at East Grinstead, Major John Frederick Ford R.A.M.C., aged 95. Dearly loved brother of Oliver and uncle of John, Margaret and Mary. Funeral Service at Sussex and Surrey Crematorium, Worth, on Tuesday January 10th at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to R.A.M.C. Charities c/o Brinkhurst Directors, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead.

GOLDING - Ann (née Brookfield), widow of Sir William Golding. Peacefully, on New Year's Day, after grief and sickness endured with courage. Funeral, Holy Trinity, Bowershalke, Salisbury, Tuesday 17th January at 2.30 pm. Enquiries Beswetherick, Truro (0872) 74021.

GREEN - Mrs Vera Green of Furzecroft, Hove, in her 90th year, wife of the late David Green and mother to Mrs Eileen Wiggins, peacefully passed away at Nuffield Hospital, Hove, on 3rd January 1996. Arrangements have been made for a private family funeral on 17th January 1996. Details Messrs. Hannington of Brighton (0273) 778733.

HEARN - On 2nd January 1996, suddenly and peacefully, George William, of Moseley, Birmingham. Devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Anne's Church, Moseley, 11 am Thursday 12th January. Cremation following at Robin Hood Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations for Asthma Research Council or Macmillan Fund and enquiries to Ambler Funeral Home, tel: (021) 449-6666.

HEPBURN - On January 2nd at Headbourne Worthy, Winifred Elsie aged 90, beloved wife of John. Funeral Service at St Swithun's Church, Headbourne Worthy, on Wednesday January 11th at 11.30 am.

HERRICK - On December 30th 1994, peacefully at home, Tish. Cremation held privately. Thanksgiving Service at 12.30 pm on Friday January 27th at Pensehwood Church. Donations, if wished, for Marie Curie Cancer Care or The Royal Marsden Hospital. Donations and enquiries to Hill & Son, Water Street, Mere, Warminster, Wilts. tel: (0747) 860361.

HOLLAND-BOSWORTH - On January 1st, peacefully at the Regent House Nursing Home, Hove, in his 90th year, Samuel (Bozzie), much loved father of Roger, Cynthia and Timothy. Funeral at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Wednesday 11th January 1995 at 11.45am. Flowers c/o Hanningtons, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, BN3 1RD. tel: (0273) 778733.

HOMBERSLEY - On 23rd December in California, William St George, aged 52. Service in memory at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, at noon on 16th January. No flowers please.

JONES - On December the 31st 1994, at the Old Malthouse, Selsey, West Sussex, peacefully in her sleep and in her trust in her God, Marjorie Annette (Madge), formerly of Hampstead, aged 98, beloved aunt of Robin and Boo, dear sister-in-law of Penny, and great-aunt of Rupert, Adam, Ben, Vanessa, Richard and Fiona. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium at 2 pm on Thursday 12th January; family flowers only; donations, if so desired, to the British Red Cross Society, Selsey, West Sussex. Any enquiries to Mrs Penny Jones (0243 602586).

MARSHALL - On 1st January, at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Raymond Norwood aged 92. Dearly loved husband of Olive. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Bridge, at 11.2m on Tuesday 10th January followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute c/o C.W. Lyons & Sons, 70 Military Road, Canterbury.

MATTHEWS - On December 31st in hospital after a long struggle following major surgery, Keith, devoted husband of Jane, much loved father and grandfather of Julia and Clare, Sara and Chiara. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, on Wednesday January 11th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory may be sent to Weaver Bros., Bembridge, I.O.W. PO35 5UE (0983 872696) for The Intensive Care Unit Charitable Fund, St Mary's Hospital, Newport.

MAXIM - On January 2nd 1995, Ruth Kamala (née Gurung), from Darjeeling. Dearly loved wife of Harry, and mother of Rupert, Miriam, Deirdre, Crispin and Rebecca. Funeral Service at St James the Great, Blakedown, Kidderminster, on Tuesday January 10th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations appreciated to Gurkha Welfare Trust, London SW1A 2BE.

MAXWELL - On January 2nd, peacefully at home, Major George Cavendish Maxwell, Grenadier Guards (rtd.), Chairman Matthew Clark Plc (rtd.) and Finsbury Distillery Company Ltd. (rtd.). Much loved husband of Peggy, father and grandfather. Funeral at The Royal Military Academy Chapel, Sandhurst, on Wednesday 11th January at 12 noon identification required. Details from Alexander & Dry, 1 Seal Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 1NQ, tel: (01256) 844655.

MERRIVY - On 3rd January 1995, Pat, widow of General Sir Frank Messervy, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass on Friday 13th January at 12 noon at the Catholic Church, Bepton Road, Midhurst. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa) c/o L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DG.

PIPER - Professor Priscilla Joan, beloved wife of Dr. Ronald D. Mann and mother of Edward, died having received the rites of the holy mother church on 3rd January 1995. Private Requiem Mass at Alton Abbey, Hampshire, on 7th January. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Macmillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 0BL, where Priscilla received loader care.

PRESTON - On January 3rd, peacefully in her 98th year, at Musdanmore, F.B.N.H., Newtyle, Margaret (Peggy), widow of Professor George D. Preston MA., Sc.D., of Dundee and Alyth. Funeral Dundee Crematorium on Monday 9th January at 2pm. Family flowers only.

RICHMOND - On December 31st at Hindhead, Surrey, Josephine, much loved mother of Alice and Charles. Funeral Service at Peperharrow Church, nr. Godalming, on Wednesday 11th January at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL.

SCOTT - Pamela, on 31st December 1994, peacefully with her family. Beloved wife of the late Mike Scott, mother of Jonathan, Carol, Wendy and Robin, and greatly loved "Ganga" to her ten grandchildren. Funeral at Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford, 2.30 pm on Tuesday 10th January, followed by private cremation.

STEENTOFT - Ove, on 1st January, peacefully, after a short illness, beloved husband of Margaret and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service in Denmark. Enquiries to (0245) 770292.

STEWART - On January 3rd 1996, very peacefully at home, Margaret, beloved wife of Leslie and mother of Merrin, Andrew, Christopher, Mary and Thomas. Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday January 10th at St Vincent's Church, Altrincham. No flowers please, at Margaret's request, but any donations to CAFOD or Macmillan Fund. All funeral enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Services, Sale, tel: (061) 906-1738.

STONE - Richard Noel M.B.E., aged 85 years of Wotton-under-Edge, peacefully at home on January 1st. Beloved husband of Margaret and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Westerleigh Crematorium on Friday January 6th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for The Council for the Protection of Rural England c/o Grimes and Goscombe Funeral Services, Chipping Manor, The Chipping, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.

TAYLOR - On January 3rd, after a long illness fought with great stoicism, Gerard William aged 74 years, Emeritus Professor of Surgery, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Much loved husband of Gay and loving father of Jan and Mark. So sadly missed. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

TELLING - Audrey (Ratty), widow of Frederick James Telling, peacefully after a further stroke on 1st January. Mourned by a host of family and friends. Thanksgiving Service at Linch Church, Friday January 13th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations in memoriam to R.S.P.B. or a children's charity.

THEWLIS - John Hardman, Deputy Headmaster of the British Schools, Montevideo at the home of his younger sister on January 1st 1995 after a brave fight against cancer. Beloved son of the late Muriel and James, dear brother of Wendy and Margaret and much loved by his nephews and nieces. He will be sadly missed by all his family, his friends, and friends and pupils in Uruguay. His funeral service will take place at the West Chapel, Basingstoke Crematorium, Rubidge, on Tuesday 10th January 1995 at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries and donations, if desired for the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital to T.A. Ellement and Son Ltd. tel: 081-866 0324.

TILLMAN - On January 3rd 1995, Dr. Wolf George, peacefully in Alderney, Channel Islands. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St Anne's Church, Alderney, at 3 pm on Monday January 9th. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Alderney Cancer Relief Fund c/o Lloyds Bank or T.S.B., Victoria Street, Alderney, C.I. Service in West Grinstead to be announced at a later date.

WHEELER - Mark Patrick John, Died December 31st 1994, Dear son of Patrick and Celine. Requiem Mass and burial at Duxal Abbey, Woolhampton, on 10th January 1995 at 2 pm. Requiescat in Pace.

WILD - Brigitte (Gigi) on 28th December in Munich after a short illness.

WILLIAMS - On 3rd January 1995, in his 90th year, Francis John Watkin, 8th Baronet of Bodelwyddan, dearly loved husband for 62 years of Brenda, and much loved father of Jennifer, Tessa, Anna and Victoria, and greatly respected by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sons-in-law. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Bodelwyddan, St Asaph, on Monday 9th January at 2.30pm. No wreaths, but garden flowers appreciated. Arrangements by R.W. Roberts & Son, Denbigh (0745 812936).

WOODBRIDGE - On December 29th 1994, Alice Amy, aged 97 years, passed away peacefully in New Park House, Cuffley. Service at Enfield Crematorium at 1.30 pm on Wednesday January 11th. No flowers. Donations to any cancer related charity direct.

WOOF - On January 2nd, peacefully at Crawley Hospital, William (Bill), aged 92. Husband of the late Annie (née Mason), father of Kathleen (Kate), the late Ronald and Robert. Grandfather and great-father. Funeral at St Mary's Hartfield, Wednesday January 11th at 10.45 am. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity, Bolton-le-Sands, Monday January 23rd at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Holy Trinity.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LUBBOCK - A Memorial Service will be held for the late Helen Anne Boyd Lubbock at Ednall Church on Friday January 20th at 2.30pm and then at Central Hotel, Church Street, Ednall.

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SAMPSTER - J. Murray. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary le Tower Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, on Friday 20th January at 12 noon.

WINDEYER - There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Professor Sir Brian Windeyer at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W1, on 1st February 1995 at 12 noon. Enquiries to Dr. Spittle, tel: (071) 380-9090.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PHILLIPS - The family of the late Mollie Phillips would like to thank relatives, friends and colleagues for the cards, messages of sympathy, floral tributes and the kind support received in their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to the staff at St Thomas's Hospital, London, the Vicar of St Peter's, Carmarthen and Mr Peris Rice of Oliver Evans & Son. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

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RABBI SOLOMON GAON

Rabbi Solomon Gaon, Haham of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation in Britain, died in New York on December 21 aged 82. He was born in Travnik, Bosnia, on December 15, 1912.

SOLOMON GAON was awarded the title of of *Haham (sage)* of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation in Britain in 1949 and as such was the leader of the country's Sephardi community — descendants of Jews expelled from Spain and Portugal in the 15th century — who constitute the oldest Jewish community in the country. In 1968 he was also elected president of the American Society of Sephardi Studies and ten years later he became chief rabbi of the congregations affiliated with the World Sephardi Federation.

The Haham title was first offered in Britain in 1664, but the rabbi in question left London because of the Plague. It is not an automatic title and has to be conferred by the congregation's council. In the congregation's 350-year history, six men have held the title and the gaps between them add up to a longer period than their combined tenure of office. When Solomon Gaon was awarded the title in 1949, it was 31 years after the death of the previous Haham, Moses Gaster, notorious for his savage disputes.

Five years earlier, Gaon had been appointed senior minister of the congregation's two synagogues: the Bevis Marks synagogue in the City of London, which had been built in 1701 and was the oldest in London, and a more modern establishment in Maida Vale, west London.

He had graduated as a rabbi from Jews' College, affiliated to London University, in 1948, and had gained a doctorate at London University. Like every holder of the office of Haham, Solomon Gaon was born outside Britain. He came here in 1931 to be groomed for a post in Britain following his training at the Jewish theological seminary in Sarajevo. He therefore escaped the Nazi occupation of Europe and the wholesale destruction of European Jewry.

When Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia visited Britain in 1953, he was astonished to be addressed in Serbian at a reception by a rabbinical guest — Gaon. The congregation which appointed him included some well-known names like Mocatta, Nabarro and Sebag-Montefiore. They were proudly Jewish, well integrated into British life, but in many cases lax in observance. Schisms and fanaticism were unknown to them, but they liked to keep tight control of their staff and purse strings.

Solomon Gaon's personal piety, tolerance, courtesy, scholarship and devotion to duty were welcomed. As the Jewish community re-established itself in the postwar period, even the sleepy Sephardi (as opposed to the Ashkenazi — or Central and East European — community) spread its wings. Gaon's congregation enjoyed the prestige his scholarship and personal popularity gave them. He enjoyed parity of esteem with the Ashkenazi chief rabbi, without quarrelling with either Israel Brodie or his successor, Immanuel Jakobovits. He deferred to them in Anglo-Jewish communal matters, though he regretted that his proposal to put Israel's Independence Day on the religious calendar was never taken up by his peers, who disapproved of Israel's secular society.

But the congregational elders worried that his increasing travels took him away from their local concerns and that other, newer congregations benefited from his services at their expense. He visited Rhodesia — later Zimbabwe — and Australia, where new Sephardi communities were being formed. Their members came from Aden, India, Greece, Turkey, the Balkans, Egypt, Iraq, Bokhara and Persia. Many of these post-colonial communities also settled in England.

He was particularly involved in Spain and the United States. He started visiting New York in 1962, where he formed an association with North America's oldest Sephardi synagogue, Shearith Israel, founded in 1654. Invited as visiting professor to Yeshiva University, New York's Jewish university, he started an active programme of Sephardi courses, which he supervised from a distance. In 1976 he was appointed to Yeshiva University's chair in Sephardic Studies.

His interest in Spain lay in the "golden age" of Spanish Jewry under Moorish rule, when poets, philosophers and doctors flourished before the Edict of Expulsion of 1492. The edict was not formally repealed until 1968. Gaon made several visits from 1959 on, to help to collate the evidence of Spanish Jewry's contribution to the culture of the time.

He met General Franco and King Juan Carlos, was honoured by both, amazed Spanish ministers with his knowledge of medieval Castilian — the basis of Ladino, a Judaeo-Spanish language spoken around the Mediterranean — and was present at three significant occasions: the opening in 1968 of the first synagogue in Madrid since the Expulsion, the opening of the Sephardi museum in the magnificent El Tránsito synagogue of Toledo in 1971 (the synagogue was built in 1365 by Samuel Levy, treasurer to Don Pedro I of Aragon), and the historic ceremony in 1992, 500 years after the Expulsion, when, in the presence of King Juan Carlos, Queen Sophia and the Israeli President, Chaim Herzog, he declared an act of reconciliation between Spain and the Jewish people. This last was a highlight of his career.

But his overseas commitments had their cost. Gaon delegated synagogue responsibilities to younger assistant ministers. There were frequent rumours that he was leaving the country for good.

After a busy year in 1975, in which he attended the 300th anniversary of the Portuguese synagogue in Amsterdam, as well as visiting Spain and Australia, his congregational board came up with a proposal to establish a Sephardi council headed by the Haham and to cut the ties between that office and the congregation.

After Bevis Marks celebrated its 275th anniversary in 1976, the board of management came out against Gaon, saying that he had decided to retire on his forthcoming 65th birthday. The congregation was bitterly divided, with his supporters claiming that he had been forced into retirement, when no official age limit was laid down. At an acrimonious special meeting, a resolution calling on the "Senhor Haham" to remain in office received an equal number of votes as an opposing resolution. The second resolution calling on him, in effect, to stand down was carried only by the chairman's casting vote.

Gaon, who had stayed in New York during the frenzied debate, decided that the atmosphere was not conducive to a return to a situation where he had already complained that his authority was being undermined. He was a man of consensus, and he preferred to concentrate on his long-term interests, the education of future religious leaders and the preservation of Sephardi tradition and identity.

At international Sephardi conferences, he pressed for greater recognition of the Sephardi element of Israeli society, which needed help to overcome its social handicaps. He was honoured in Israel for his scholarship and for his sensitivity to social issues.

He is survived by his wife Regina, née Hassan of Gibraltar, whom he married 50 years ago, a son and daughter.

JESS STACY

Jess Stacy, jazz pianist, died in Los Angeles on January 1 aged 90. He was born in Bird's Point, Missouri, on August 11, 1904.

LASTING fame was assured for Jess Stacy by his remarkably elegant and graceful piano solo on "Sing, Sing, Sing" during the Benny Goodman Orchestra's landmark concert at New York's Carnegie Hall on January 16, 1938. Delicate and almost introspective by comparison with the boisterous trumpet solo that preceded it and Gene Krupa's relentless tom-tom drumming, Stacy's haunting improvisation brought an instant change of mood and heightened anticipation for the impending, full-blooded ensemble climax.

The concert — the first by a jazz band at Carnegie Hall — was recorded almost by chance and not released until 12 years later but it confirmed that Stacy's piano playing had been one of the high points of the occasion and ensured that his artistry reached an international public.

Ironically, his solo abilities were eclipsed for much of his stay with Goodman (initially from 1935 to 1939) by the presence of Teddy Wilson in Goodman's small groups, and much of his best playing from the period is to be found in the abundance of freelance recording sessions in which he participated. In these, as with his work with Goodman's orchestra, he regularly demonstrated that, as well as being a soloist of distinction, he was one of the best rhythm section players in jazz.

Stacy's apprenticeship epitomised the romantic legend of the jazz age. He was born Jess Alexandria Stacy, and took to the piano after hearing a neighbour play "St Louis Blues". Fortuitously, his mother took in an orphaned girl, Jeannette McCombs, whose sole legacy was a piano, and it was on this that Stacy developed his talent.

In 1918 the family moved to Cape Giradeau, on the Mississippi, where Stacy was within earshot of the river steamers on which Louis Armstrong, Johnny Dodds and other jazz pioneers played for dancing.

It was not long before Stacy himself found work on these craft, first on the *Majestic*, and then on the famous *SS Capital*. Stacy doubled on piano and the steam calliope, an organ which traditionally announced the steamer's arrival in port. "The view was fine and from time to time you got a face full of cinders from the stacks. What's more the keys on the darn thing were copper, and after a while they got plenty hot," he recalled.

Stacy settled in Chicago, where he arrived in 1926 with Joe Kayser. There he played with many of the emerging jazz musicians of his generation, especially Gene Krupa (who was later to play drums alongside him with Goodman) and Bix Beiderbecke, whom he had met during a summer season in the cornetist's home town of Davenport, Iowa. Beiderbecke made a profound impression on Stacy, whose first solo recordings were of Bix's compositions "Flashes" and "In The Dark".

The entrepreneur John Hammond was instrumental in recruiting Stacy to join Goodman. Stacy was with the orchestra during its meteoric rise to fame in the late 1930s. At the same time he played at freelance sessions with Krupa (including "Swing is Here", featuring Roy Eldridge) and Lionel Hampton, who immortalised the pianist in his impromptu lyrics to Ellington's "Ring Dem Bells". Other freelance partners included Bud Freeman and Willie "The Lion" Smith (for the eccentric "Three Keyboards", where Stacy and Joe Bushkin accompanied Smith on the celeste).

When Wilson left Goodman in 1939 Stacy was briefly promoted to the small groups, but fell victim to Goodman's irritable displeasure and left. At the time he vowed he would not return to Goodman, but eventually did in 1942-44, during which time he married the band's singer Lee Wiley (the marriage later ending in divorce).

Stacy also worked with Tommy Dorsey and Bob Crosby and returned to Goodman several times. Twice in the 1940s he formed his own big band, which enjoyed a high reputation among musicians but little commercial success.

At the end of the big band era, he worked with Billy Butterfield's small group at Nick's club in New York, before spending the 1950s playing in a variety of small clubs and bars on the West Coast.

A few of these — the Club Hangover in San Francisco and the obscure Helen's (Art Tatum's favourite piano bar) in Los Angeles — were rewarding, but the rest were demoralising and in 1963 Stacy left music to work as a mail clerk for Max Factor.

Despite a *Down Beat* article lamenting this by his old Chicago colleague Art Hodes, Stacy stayed out of music for almost ten years until a Goodman reunion and the 1974 Newport Festival brought him back on a part-time basis, which continued until his final appearance at the Hunterdon Arts Centre, Clinton, New Jersey, in 1979.

He successfully overcame cancer in 1989, and is survived by a son from his first marriage to Helen Robinson, and by his third wife, Pat Peck.

SIR ARTHUR de la MARE

Sir Arthur de la Mare, KCMG, KCVO, former British Ambassador to Thailand, died on December 15 aged 80. He was born on February 15, 1914.

ARTHUR DE LA MARE was one of the Foreign Office's leading authorities on Asia, serving in various capitals of the Far East during the years of confrontation with Indonesia, the Vietnam war, Britain's withdrawal from East of Suez and the sequence of upheavals in mainland China. He crowned his 37-year career in the foreign service by heading missions successively in Kabul, Singapore and Bangkok — making sure that he learnt the languages in each of them.

Yet he always wanted to be a working farmer, preferably on the island of Jersey where he was born. And the language which he loved best was the Norman-French patois of Jersey, which he spoke as a child in the playground and at home.

He was born Arthur James de la Mare on a farm called Egypt, whose long fields rolled down to the sea in a remote northeastern corner of the island. Although his father was called Walter de la Mare, he was unrelated to the poet and in fact Arthur's family pronounced their own name as "Mar". This did not prevent Fortnum and Mason from once sending de la Mare Senior a bill meant for his more illustrious namesake. It was swiftly returned.

Young Arthur milked the cows from the age of eight — and was once rewarded by his father with four laying ducks. He secretly increased their yield by adding horse conditioner to their food, then walked ten miles to St Helier every Saturday during the Depression to sell the eggs. Those years as a farmer's boy, he later recalled, were among his happiest.

He was also, however, a gifted pupil at school. After getting to Victoria College on a scholarship, he won the modern languages medal there, ran the school library and won another scholarship to Pembroke College, Cambridge. There he took a double first in modern languages and subsequently entered the consular service — the humbler relation of the diplomatic service, at that time regarded (rightly or wrongly) as the preserve of those young men with private means.

He served as a vice-consul in Seoul and Tokyo in the late 1930s and was interned for eight months in Japan when the war started — after sending his young American wife and their first child back to her native California.

After being repatriated he was moved by the Foreign Office to Washington where he joined the British political warfare mission and was sent out to Colorado to help to organise propaganda broadcasts to Japan.

He returned to the United States after the war as consul in San Francisco between 1947 and 1950, before going back to Tokyo — enabling his wife to become quite expert in Japanese flower-arranging.

De la Mare was appointed head of the Foreign Office security department in 1953, at a time when Whitehall was still reeling from the defection of Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, after which he returned to Washington for four years as a counsellor.

After heading the FO's Far Eastern department, 1960-63, he was given his first ambassadorial post in Afghanistan. He revelled in the size of the British compound in Kabul and walked around it vigorously every morning.

Having spent two uneasy years under George Brown at the Foreign Office, de la Mare was created KCMG and given the High Commissioner's job in Singapore. Although he had wanted the post, it turned out to be among the most testing of his career. The approaching end of the British presence on the island imposed great pressures on the High Commission throughout its dealings with the Singapore government of Lee Kwan Yew.

After that, his final job as Ambassador in Bangkok, where he was host to the Queen during a state visit, was comparatively tranquil. The Queen knighted him for the second time — creating him a Knight Commander of the Victorian Order — while the Thai Government made him a member of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.

On leaving Bangkok in 1974, the de la Mares lived in London for 13 years, enjoying an active social and public life. He was chairman of the Anglo-Thai Society, 1976-82, of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs, 1976-84, and the Jersey Society, 1980-86.

In 1987 they moved to Jersey, to a bungalow a short distance from the farm where he grew up. There, against the landscape and among the people he loved best, he took on the job of writing a column in Norman-French for the *Jersey Evening Post*. He was so fluent in the language that he also helped the Governor of Jersey with his speeches.

In his memoirs *Perverse and Foolish* which were published a few weeks before his death, he described himself as a maverick — a self-portrait with which few would disagree: "Many times during my career the Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office had occasion to chide me for comments I made in reports and dispatches which greatly incensed some of my colleagues," he wrote happily.

The last occasion was in Thailand, from where he managed to upset the Overseas Development Administration in Whitehall, earning himself a stiff rebuke from his superiors. His reputation, however, was that of a colourful, if sometimes exasperating, individualist who rarely caused lasting offence.

His wife Betty died two years ago and he had since suffered the loss of a leg, after a fire at his home. He is survived by three daughters.

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At last the renowned Chinese naval port and dockyard has fallen, for Port Arthur fell into the hands of the Japanese last Wednesday evening, after a very smart attack by the Japanese and a very poor resistance by the Chinese, who could scarcely have fired more than a few hundred, probably not more than 300, shots in its defence. About 4 p.m. on Tuesday the forts opened fire, but the shots were followed by a long pause, and at no time during the whole attack was the firing anything approaching smartness on the Celestials' side. The firing was kept up till dark. At 5 p.m. two men-of-war came in sight and steamed past Port Arthur, but were too far off to be fired on. After dark a "search light" was played for about an hour and a half looking for torpedo-boats. At 6 a.m. on Wednesday the forts again resumed the firing in the same manner as the day preceding, and at the same time the Japanese fleet steamed past Port Arthur. At 4 p.m. the fleet returned, passing Port Arthur at a distance of about six miles; the Chiyoda was fired at from one of the big forts, and the shots were well directed but failed to hit her. A quarter of an hour after this a heavy rain squall covered Port Arthur, which was evidently falling, for the Chinese troops were hurrying down to the harbour, when ten torpedo-boats dashed from the fleet, separating in pairs and firing 3-pounder Hotchkiss guns at the exposed troops and guns' crews. The fire was briskly responded to by one fort, but not a single shot told. The torpedo attack lasted about half an hour, when Port Arthur fell into the hands of the Japanese, the whole town being on fire. The torpedo-boat attack was undoubtedly the finishing stroke for Port Arthur, and was very pluckily carried out. On Thursday evening the place was almost deserted. On Saturday evening the English Fleet under Admiral Fremantle arrived and anchored. The roads were strewn with dead, rifles, ammunition, shoes, and coats showing how in their panic to escape the Chinese had thrown away everything. Several guns had never been fired nor even loaded, being found with their tompions still in the muzzle. The place could never have fallen as it did if the Chinese had had a particle of pluck, but directly they saw the Japanese soldiers coming towards them they fled to the harbour, where certain death awaited them from the quick-firing guns in the torpedo-boats in front of them and from the pursuing enemy behind. On the first day of the battle a few Japanese were captured, cut up in pieces, and carried about on sticks by the Chinese soldiers. This so enraged the Japanese soldiers that the officers had no hold over them, and a wholesale massacre followed. It is estimated that the Japanese lost 350 killed, but they probably lost more: the Chinese loss is put down at 5,000.

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The fall of Port Arthur to the Japanese in 1894 was only one chapter in the chequered history of that ice-free port of strategic importance. Diplomatic pressure from the West forced Japan to return it to China on that occasion, and three years later Russia moved in.

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How we hated, or loved, our holidays

Can tour operators place much faith in magazine surveys of their customers?

Fewer people than ever before were completely satisfied with their package holiday last year and only half would definitely recommend their chosen tour operator to a friend, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

According to *Holiday Which?*, the consumer magazine, 8 per cent would positively discourage others from using their tour operator, compared with 6 per cent in 1993.

"This slippage in satisfaction must be worrying for an industry that is battling to retain customers," *Which? says.* It nonetheless adds that eight out of ten holidaymakers would "probably" give their tour operator a recommendation. This is similar to the 90 per cent of customers who said they were satisfied with their holiday in a similar survey carried out by the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta). It also reported an increase in the number of complaints last year.

The big tour operators generally did worse in the magazine's survey than smaller companies, although Thomson was rated better than average and easily the best for holidays to Spain.

Airtours and its sister company, Aspro, were the worst of more than 40 surveyed. The top seven were P & O Cruises, VFB Holidays, Eurocamp, Portland, Swiss Travel Service, Brittany Ferries and Virgin.

Joining Airtours and Aspro at the bottom of the list were Cosmos, Kosmar, Unijet, Inspirations, Crystal, Enterprise, Olympic, Grecian and Sunworld.

Just how much faith can be placed in these regular *Holiday Which?* surveys is being increasingly questioned in the industry. P & O Cruises, for example, was placed top although only 30 passengers were surveyed, while Thomson was in the middle of the table, after 1,235 of its customers were questioned.

Airtours, which was placed second to bottom after 577 *Which?* subscribers answered the questionnaire, was particularly incensed. "Based on the sample surveyed, it is the equivalent of asking a non-smoker or a teetotaller what their favourite brand of cigarette or drink is," David Crossland, the Airtours chairman, says.

"We can argue with the results of the report for an eternity, but when you consider that this survey represents 0.01 per cent of our passengers since September 1993, you can begin to see quite how misleading these figures are."

The company undertook its own survey which, it said, took the views of 300,000 individuals who represented a total of 800,000 package holidaymakers. This showed that 90 per cent were "totally satisfied" with their holiday.

Philip Ingham, managing director of *Consumerdata — the* company which conducted the survey for Airtours — said he was "amazed" by the *Holiday Which?* results.

"We can unequivocally state that Airtours' results are no worse, and in many cases considerably better, than the industry standard," he says.

Airtours has campaigned strongly to reduce the level of complaints and claims that a combination of tighter inspections criteria, quality "hit squads" and improved staff training had enabled the company to reduce complaint levels to well below the average for UK tour operators.

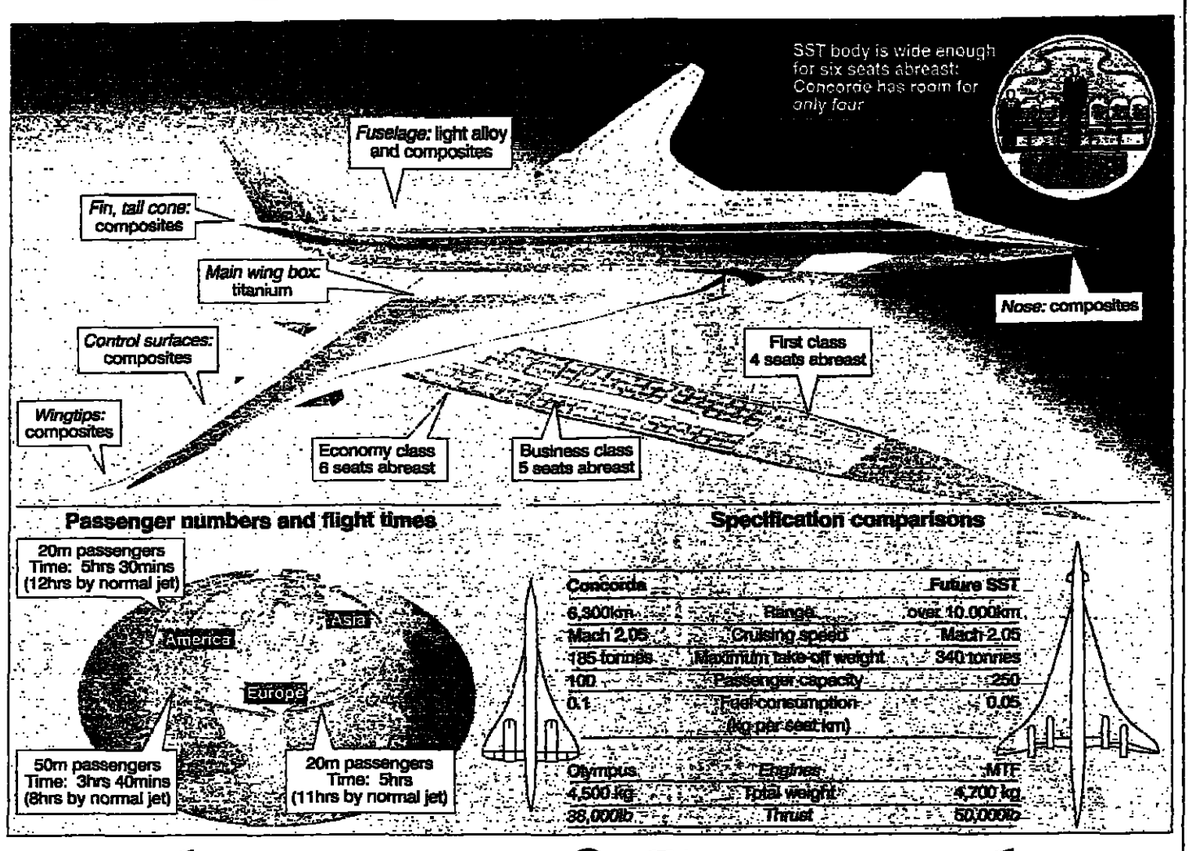
The company admits, however, that it still has a lot to learn from *Ving, a sister company in* Sweden, where complaints are as low as half a per cent of those travelling.

Holiday Which?, meanwhile, is adamant that its surveys are fair. It sent the survey questionnaire to 60,000 *Holiday Which?* members in September and October last year and received 25,500 replies. Of those, 7,731 had taken a package holiday since the previous September.

Those outside the industry regard *surveys from the magazine* as a true reflection of public opinion, but those involved — either as travel companies or as psephologists — remain deeply sceptical, largely because those who subscribe to *Which?* are, by their very nature, the most likely to complain and criticise standards.

For those tour operators in the 11 best-rated companies, however, the *Which?* survey is an important confidence booster and "proof" that they are performing well.

Supersonic travel: the next generation



The son of Concorde

Harvey Elliott warns that Britain could be left out of a new era of transport

The next generation of successful business travellers will be flying from meeting to meeting at twice the speed of sound in a worldwide fleet of 500 supersonic jet airliners.

Airlines and international planemakers believe that most technical and economic problems involved in building a successor to Concorde can be overcome and that the "son of Concorde" will be flying by 2006. They predict that during the following 20 years, at least 500 will be bought by the world's airlines, opening up a new era of high-speed mass air travel.

The costs of designing and building such an aircraft — estimated at least $15 billion (£10 billion) — are, however, so high that only one version, capable of carrying 250 passengers at least 6,500 miles, is likely to be built.

There are signs that Britain's planemakers could be dropped from an international team designing the jets because of a lack of Government support. Pleas from *British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce* to the Board of Trade for funding to help them to research and develop techniques needed for the aircraft have been ignored — much to the chagrin of France, Germany and other European countries which are determined to prevent the Americans from taking the lead in the project.

By 1997 *scientists from* British Aerospace, Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, Aerospatiale, Deutsche Aerospace, Alenia of Italy, the Japan Aircraft Development Corporation and Tupolev of Russia, will have completed a joint outline design and will then decide which country will be responsible for building which parts of the aircraft. Those who have contributed most to research and development will get the biggest share of the work.

America has allocated $1.5 billion *to research institutes and aircraft* and engine manufacturers for supersonic research and Japan has spent nearly $100 million.

France is pushing hard to become the leader of the European end of the project and the French Government is far more open to arguments that it should contribute to the research and development with hard cash. Louis Gallois, chief *executive of the French plane*making company Aerospatiale, says that Europe as a whole must ensure that the Americans do not dominate the project. He believes that the spin-off from supersonic research would be vital in future European Airbus subsonic projects.

In 1994, Europe spent only $15 million on supersonic research, compared with America's $187 million and the Japanese $60 million. "The European budget must therefore be increased to a *minimum of about $100 million a* year — a feasible sum to my mind and one that would re-establish our credibility particularly in our co-operative dealings with America," M Gallois says.

Market research shows that about half the international long-haul passengers would use a new supersonic airliner and would be prepared to pay between 15 per cent and 25 per cent more than present fares to do so.

The main aim now is to cut fuel consumption to no more than half that of Concorde through the use of *much lighter composite materials*, and by a big improvement in both engine and aerodynamic efficiency.

Even though it is now accepted that the next generation of supersonic jets would still be banned from flying over populated areas, there are still 150 routes over 2,000 miles long between 81 major cities which could be flown by SSTs.

Rolls-Royce believes it has worked out the engines that will be needed for the aircraft and if work on minimising the sonic boom is successful, it could also be used on *flights over Siberia or northern* Canada.

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Snow crisis at small resorts

Doug Sager reports on the threat of Alpine bankruptcies and avalanches

The season is saved, so far as skiers are concerned. But for many smaller resorts, the snow is too little too late. Hotels, shops and ski-lift companies depend heavily on the holiday weeks for cash. Late snow has meant profits lost forever, and, for some pocket-sized resorts in France, even bankruptcy.

Bare and brown only a week *before Christmas, Alpine ski* slopes are now covered, if sparsely, with white all the way down to the lowest ski village levels at about 800m. But the new snow brought problems as falls were accompanied by very high winds, creating the hazard of avalanches. They have already claimed at least eight lives in France.

Despite days of snowstorms, which forced holiday skiers off the slopes as resorts closed ski lifts because of avalanche fears and, in some cases because of insufficient staff over the holiday period, there is still not enough snow in the Alps. In most areas, the new snow, which measured between 50 and 75 centimetres on upper slopes, fell on terrain that did not have a proper base of snow to which it could bond. On Monday, I skied knee-deep powder snow off-piste in Switzerland. In certain sections, my skis went straight to the bottom of the snow. And even at 2,000m, bushes and rocks were visible through the snow.

Official snow reports early this week showed that none of Switzerland's highest resorts, including Zermatt, Saas Fee and Verbier, could claim that all runs down to village level were open for good skiing. *Meribel and Courcheval*, France's most popular resorts with British intermediate skiers, were in no better shape. Meribel opened the week with only 32 per cent of its pistes and 44 per cent of lifts ready for skiers. Courcheval reported slightly worse statistics.

More lifts will open if more snow comes as predicted and as safety patrols secure pistes, which in many instances are being groomed for the first time this winter. Off-piste skiing will still be hazardous. Crevasses on the Vallée Blanche in Chamonix, for example, are still not filled in.

The January weeks of 7 to 14 and 14 to 21 — always good value — this year offer exceptional deals for late bookers who watch the snow reports. In France, a government failure to provide subsidies has already led to political wrangling and bankruptcies.

Six die in avalanches

AVALANCHES in the mountainous regions of western Austria led to the deaths of at least six people, police said yesterday, and two others were missing. All those killed were said to be German. The three avalanches, in the western regions of Tyrol and Vorarlberg, occurred on Tuesday after heavy overnight snowfalls and strong winds.

A police spokesman in St Anton, where a 34-year-old German died on Tuesday, said: "Two people are buried in the snow, but we have not been able to resume a search because of avalanche danger."

Officials said there was little chance the two would be found alive. They had been caught in an avalanche in the off-piste skiing area of Gampen Schöngraben.

In Lech am Arlberg near the Swiss border, authorities said that a 26-year-old German man from Lindenberg im Allgäu was killed in an avalanche. Though still alive when found, the man died soon after being taken to a Zurich hospital. In a third avalanche on the Austria-Swiss border at Fimbertal bei Ischgl, authorities said four German skiers were killed. The victims were in two separate groups and were buried by the avalanche near the town of Ramosch. *(Reuter)*

Living under a flight path can be a nightmare — but a total aircraft ban after dark could put the future of airports in danger

Heathrow's night of the long argument

The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Local authorities whose boundaries lie under the Heathrow flight path are still celebrating their success in proving that the Government acted illegally in its attempts to control night flights.

They claim triumphantly that the court ruling means that residents can look forward to undisturbed sleep and that the airlines will have to change their timetables to prevent aircraft from routinely landing before dawn.

Unless the Department of Transport succeeds in an appeal, there will now have to be a long period of consultation to try to work out a new, pragmatic way of curbing night flights while still enabling some early-morning services to operate.

At first sight, the protesters have a powerful argument for the imposition of a total ban on the 16 aircraft that regularly land at Heathrow after 11.30pm and before 6am. "The air transport industry fights tooth and nail to continue these 16 flights a night . . . despite the clear evidence of the distress they cause to residents and their families," they said in a recent newsletter. "We estimate that these 16 flights a night cause as much hostility towards Heathrow as the remaining 1,084 daytime flights."

Why, then, do the airlines insist that they are necessary?

Almost without exception, the flights come from Australia and the Far East and are, therefore, subject to the laws of time. Flight BA 028, for example, arrives at Heathrow at 4.45am. The Boeing 747-400 jet — the quietest in BA's fleet — takes off from Hong Kong at 10.40pm, which is less than 20 minutes before Kai Tak airport, which is in the middle of Hong Kong, shuts down. The noise as aircraft take off is far worse than anything which those who live near Heathrow have to bear from landing jets. That is why the new airport being built out to sea at Honk Kong will be open for 24 hours a day.

Until then, flight 028 cannot leave any later, nor can the takeoff be earlier or it would arrive in London, after a 12-hour flight, at an even more inconvenient hour. Far East flights are largely business dominated and airlines argue that if Heathrow cannot accommodate them they will simply go to Frankfurt, Amsterdam or Paris instead.

Whether the airlines' arguments are valid or not, there is little doubt that they are faced with a desperate conundrum. What do they do, for example, when the strong winds across the Atlantic blow European-bound aircraft to Britain earlier than scheduled, so that they arrive over Heathrow at 5.00am instead of 6.30am? Are they to be told that they must hold in an ever-more-crowded "stack", or are they to be allowed to land?

Some of the protesters claim that aircraft always land from the East in the early hours and that the use of alternate runways to spread the discomfort does not begin until after 7am. But would that satisfy the residents of Richmond, who would still suffer one in four landings? Or is it not more likely to infuriate those who live in Windsor, who now have no early morning flights to suffer?

The transport department's attempt to satisfy the industry as well as residents with a complex points allocation procedure so that the noisiest jet was banned altogether, while the quietest was allowed in, clearly did not work. The department thought it would encourage airlines to buy modern, quieter aircraft. It did, but it did not satisfy the objectors.

Perhaps the department will have to return to a system based solely on the number of flights rather than on the noise the aircraft makes when it lands — although that, too, is certain to provoke a new row.

In a recent Gallup survey of residents living near Heathrow, 8 per cent said that aircraft noise was their main concern, 16 per cent worried most about traffic congestion, and 15 per cent said crime was their main worry. Some 73 per cent had not been woken in the previous year by aircraft, although 12 per cent had been woken at least once every week.

Somehow there has to be a way of enabling aircraft which must fly between cities on different time zones to operate at "unsocial" hours while disturbing as little as possible the sleeping population below. To ban all night flights is not the answer.

Boat show visitors can almost taste the delights and dangers of sailing, says **Barry Pickthall**

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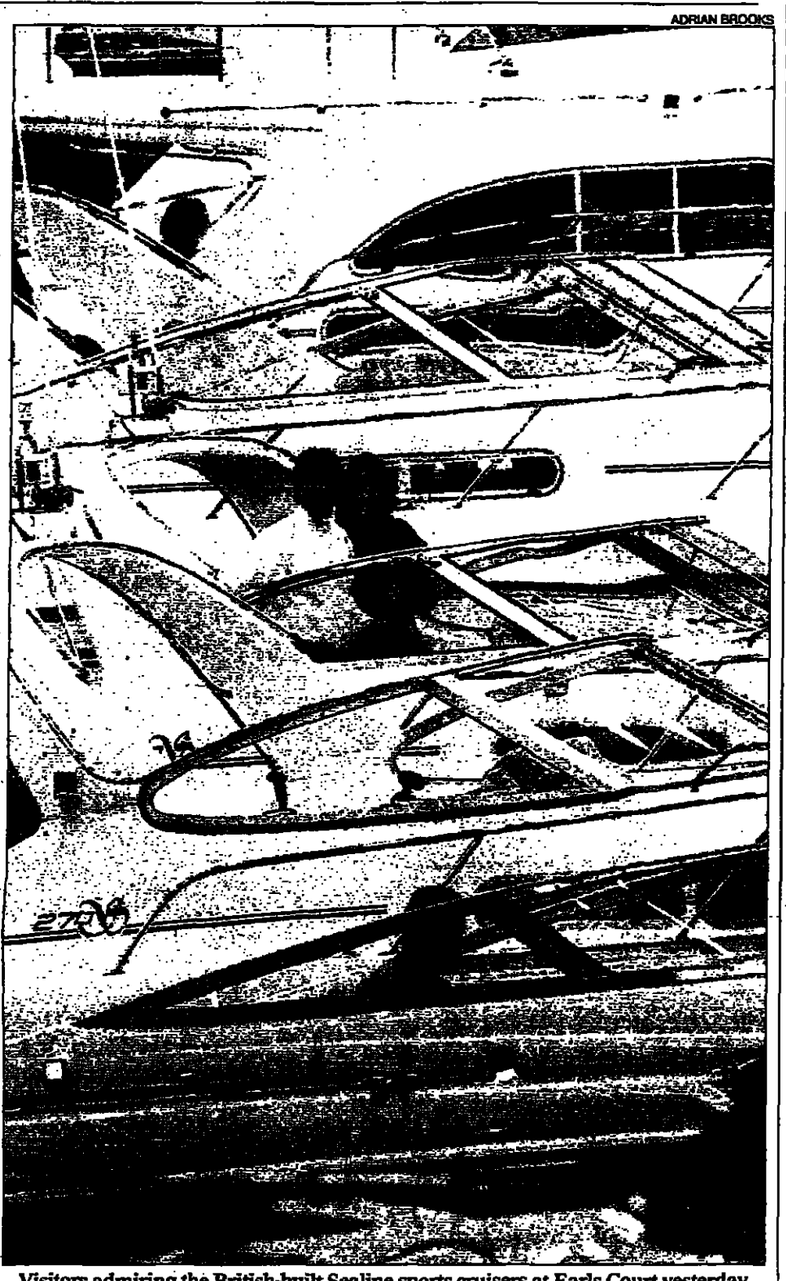

Visitors admiring the British-built Sealine sports cruisers at Earls Court yesterday

Eight hundred craft ranging from a £395 alloy dinghy to a £1 million Princess 66ft luxury power cruiser go on display today when the London International Boat Show at Earls Court opens its doors to the public.

This year the show is aimed very much at the family with opportunities for children to get afloat in Optimist sail trainers or try their hand at canoeing on the Olympic-sized central pool feature.

Others can test their balance on a windsurfer and both dinghy and powerboat simulators are there to provide beginners with a chance to sample the thrills without spills.

The industry, which like other leisure sectors has been languishing in the doldrums, has enjoyed a welcome increase in sales, particularly during the past three months.

"Prospects for the coming season are extremely good," said Denzil Lee, a spokesman for the British Marine Industries Federation, yesterday. "The market has been boosted by stronger export demand from our traditional European markets — particularly in Germany, Holland and France — and the Middle and Far East markets are also better."

Here at home, confidence is also growing. "The sale of second-hand boats, both power and sail, are well up since the Southampton Boat Show last September and demand for new craft up to 35ft is also showing a welcome increase," Mr Lee confirmed.

Fairline Boats, the only public quoted company within the industry, is one of the best barometers on the state of the market. The company, which has its complete range of luxury power cruisers on display ranging in size from the Targa 28 to the Squadron 65, saw turnover increase to £35 million last year and posted profits of £1 million during the past six months.

Other signs that interest in boating is on the increase are the latest rescue figures announced by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution which show that lifeboat crews had an exceptionally busy year in 1994.

Provisional statistics show that lifeboats were launched 5,424 times, saved 1,442 lives and more than £31 million worth of property.

Pleasure craft accounted for the greatest proportion of call outs (3,060) while swimmers accounted for a further 1,024 launches.

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The busiest lifeboat station was Poole in Dorset. The station's two lifeboats were sent out on a record 155 alerts.

Southend-on-Sea in Essex was second with 126 launches followed by Torbay, Exmouth and Eastbourne.

Its rising casualty rate has led to the RNLI, which is funded entirely by voluntary contributions, to take a more active approach to prevention.

Robin Knox-Johnston, who along with fellow record circumnavigator Peter Blake, have been nominated jointly as the BT yachtsman of the year to be announced at the show next week, took time out yesterday to launch an RNLI booklet, *Safety On The Sea*, which includes an identification form from the coastguard for boat owners to provide essential details should they ever be in need of rescue.

For many visiting the show, the idea of actually buying a boat is little more than an idle dream. One man who has made a habit of turning dreams into reality is Chay Blyth whose latest round the world adventure, the BT Global Challenge starting from Southampton in 1996, attracted more than 2,000 to apply — many of whom had never sailed before.

Courtauld, one of his 15-strong fleet of 67ft steel yachts, has pride of place outside Earls Court for visitors to look over while inside the show you can sample the delights and dangers of sailing in the Southern Ocean and climb into the masthead by simply donning a virtual reality headset.

Close by, the exhibition of marine photography, also sponsored by BT and selected from a 700-strong international entry, provides a glimpse of almost every aspect of the sport from a tranquil scene on the Norfolk Broads taken by *Times* photographer Mark Pepper to the excitement of windsurfing in the towering seas off Hawaii.

● *London International Boat Show, Jan 5-15. Opening times 10am to 7pm every day except Thursday Jan 12 when it is open until 9.30pm. Admission is £8 for adults, £6.50 for senior citizens. Up to two children are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. After 4pm, £5.50.*

Travel chiefs' plea to minister

The great names of the tourism business want it taken seriously by the Government, reports **Peter Hughes**

Delegation members Egan (top left), Forte (top right) and Marshall (above, left); and Stephen Dorrell

Three knights of British tourism are leading an unprecedented deputation to the Department of National Heritage next week to ask the Government to take their industry more seriously. Never has tourism fielded such a high-powered team to fight its corner in Westminster.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, Sir John Egan, chief executive of the BAA, and the newly honoured Sir Rocco Forte are to see Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Minister, on Wednesday. They will be telling him that tourism, an industry which provides one in every eight jobs in the United Kingdom, should be given a higher priority in government economic thinking.

Sir Colin said last night: "The industry remains an also-ran in terms of budget considerations and status within the political forum. In the past tourism to this country took care of itself. However, as more and more nations worldwide identify the industry's importance as a creator of wealth and jobs, competition is hotting up and we can no longer afford to be complacent."

The knights, together with Tommaso Zanzotto, chairman and chief executive of Hilton International, and Christopher Rodrigues, chief executive of Thomas Cook, are representing the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), an international lobby group. Their primary purpose is to persuade Mr Dorrell to act as an ambassador for the sector in the Cabinet. They will be making three main points:

● Tourism's contribution to the economy has been underestimated.

● Britain should be more competitive, liberalising air transport, deregulating telecommunications and improving its tourism promotion.

● Barriers restricting tourism's growth, such as the lack of a single European air traffic control system, should be removed.

Geoffrey Lipman, president of the WTTC, who will be accompanying the delegation, said there was now a prediction that three super industries would drive the service-led economies of the next century — telecommunications, information technology and travel and tourism.

"Governments are beginning to realise that this is one of the big export earners, investment generators and job creators," he said.

The WTTC claims that the importance of travel and tourism to the UK economy is greater than had previously been estimated to the extent that if "manufacturing" items like tourism consultancies, hotel building and sales of aircraft are included, Britain's balance of trade in tourism is in the black. This year the industry is expected to account for more than 12 per cent of gross domestic product, earning just over £20 billion.

Tourism in the UK is expected to create 300,000 jobs over the next ten years — more than 80 a day. "The most important central message," Mr Lipman said, "is that you can create more jobs."

More visitors on the way

BRITAIN'S holiday resorts and ancient towns are expected to be packed with record numbers of tourists from both home and abroad this summer, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The opening of the Channel Tunnel will bring in many more visitors from Continental Europe, while Britain's recovery from recession is likely to boost the number of domestic tourists.

The British Tourist Authority predicts that over the next 12 months 22 million people will visit Britain and spend an estimated £10.3 billion, as compared with the 20.6 million who came last year and who spent £9.5 billion.

Low transatlantic air fares will boost inbound tourism from North America, the authority says, and greater numbers of tourists from the Far East are expected. A festival of arts will be the main campaign of 1995, designed to "exploit the potential of cultural tourism". This cultural tourism area already accounts for £2 billion of overseas visitors expenditure.

The authority will also be "looking to capitalise on the demand for short breaks" from French holidaymakers, now that travelling to Britain is faster and easier.

The number of trips of more than one night taken by Britons for all tourism purposes was 14 per cent higher between January and August last year than in the same eight months of 1993.

The number of business trips went up by more than 20 per cent in the first eight months of 1994 and this year looks even more promising, the authority says.

The only gloomy forecast it is making is for those British seaside resorts who rely on older people for much of their income. It says: "Low inflation may be good news for businesses, but older holidaymakers who depend on interest from their savings to fund their holidays have less spending power."

Tourists take new whaling trail

FIVE million people go on commercial whale-watching trips every year, *Marianne Curphey writes.* The tourist dollar has replaced the whaler's harpoon, especially around the coasts of North America. Mark Carwardine, author of *On The Trail Of The Whale*, says almost 15,000 people watch whales every day of the year.

Climbdown

THE Royal Bhutanese Government is withdrawing a ruling that would have prevented groups of fewer than four people from visiting the kingdom from the beginning of this month. A daily surcharge will now apply to small groups or independent travellers. These are £26 for a single person or £14 a person for a group of three. The mountain kingdom will not require groups of four or more to pay.

One company specialising in travel to the region is Steppes East (0285 810267), which offers trekking holidays in mountains and forests.

Gran tours

NATIONAL Express, the coach operator, is offering the United Kingdom's 10.5 million pensioners return travel to any destination for £4.99. The offer starts on Monday, and ends on February 16, but excludes travel on Fridays and Saturdays.

Up to 35,000 seats will be available and travellers must have a £7 National Express Senior Coachcard.

Sale rooms

LONDON'S newly renovated Athenaeum Hotel and Apartments (071-499 3464) in Piccadilly, has a special offer for shoppers to the sales — especially the one at Harrods. Until January 28, a package costing £160 a person a night in a double room for bed, breakfast and dinner, includes a picnic hamper with croissants and coffee for guests while they wait for stores to open.

World offer

WEXAS travel (071-589 3315) predicts independent travel will continue to grow and is offering new round-the-world itineraries, add-on tours, hotel stopovers, escorted tours and small-group adventures in its new brochures. Prices start from £699 for a programme which includes Bangkok, Hong Kong, Perth, Sydney, Auckland, Tahiti, LosAngeles and New York. Accommodation starts at £20 a room a night and travellers can also book a 20-night camping adventure featuring Yosemite National Park, Death Valley, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles from £599 a person.

Nice touch

BLUEBIRD Express (0444 235678), the seat-only company, is to develop its services to Nice this year when it starts a weekly Saturday departure from Belfast. Fares will start at £179. Bluebird will continue with charters from Gatwick, Edinburgh and Manchester, with fares from £135 return. In December, the company began offering scheduled flights with Air Namibia from Heathrow to Windhoek from £575 return, with onward connections to Johannesburg, Cape Town, Harare, Lusaka, Livingstone and Maun.

Cooks' tour

LE Cordon Bleu, the famous professional culinary school, celebrates 100 years of its Paris founding this year. With the help of its schools in London, Tokyo and Paris, the establishment, owned by André Cointreau, is planning a series of lectures and events for 1995.

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SATURDAY

Magazine Special

Matthew Parris on Western Australia, Jan Morris on the road to Prague, Nigella Lawson in Apulia, Leslie Thomas on Elba — plus Hong Kong, the Caribbean, and Aconcagua

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NEWS

Jail escapers copied master key

Locks throughout Parkhurst top-security prison on the Isle of Wight were changed after three dangerous prisoners escaped using a copy of a master key. Hundreds of police were continuing a hunt for the men as the Prison Service admitted that the breakout had occurred because of security lapses.

As the Isle of Wight was sealed off, Devon and Cornwall Police were protecting everyone connected with the prosecution of the escaped murderer Keith Rose ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Republicans give a salute to Newt

With equal measures of elation and trepidation, the Republicans took charge of the US Congress for the first time since Eisenhower's day, and immediately launched their bold attempt to reverse the growth of the "Nanny State" that began with President Roosevelt's New Deal ..... **Pages 1, 15**

Yeltsin backs off

President Yeltsin ordered his forces to halt their bombardment of Grozny after civilian casualties continued to mount in the fifth day of fighting ..... **Pages 1, 11**

Lost in the forest

A leading British environmentalist on an investigation into destruction of the Madagascan rainforest is missing in a remote part of the island ..... **Page 1**

Ronnie Knight jailed

Ronnie Knight, the colourful villain who for a decade lived the high life in Spain on the proceeds of a £6 million robbery, was jailed for seven years by an Old Bailey judge ..... **Page 5**

Animal protest rift

A rift has developed among opponents of live animal shipments to Europe after militant "rent-a-mob" protesters hijacked an animal rights protest ..... **Page 6**

Lottery applicant

The Royal Opera House became one of the first applicants for National Lottery funds provoking criticism from smaller organisations who fear they will not get a fair share ..... **Page 7**

Tory losses

The Tories have suffered their largest losses to Labour in their heartlands of the southern middle classes, according to the largest survey of public opinion since the election ..... **Page 8**

Savings blow

About 20 million savers are being deprived of an average of £40 a year by banks and building societies to subsidise new savers, said the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?* ..... **Page 9**

Late sale start

Not even the wail of Scots pipers could lure more than a handful of pre-dawn bargain-hunters to Harrods for the first day of the 101st winter sale ..... **Page 9**

Stadium disaster trial

French commandos stood by in Corsica as 12 officials went on trial, amid a wave of local murders and banditry, for their part in the Bastia football stadium collapse in 1992 ..... **Page 10**

Peace meeting

The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe is to hold an emergency meeting to discuss ways of helping to stop the Chechenia fighting ... **Page 11**

Rescue talks

Israeli and Palestinian leaders will hold a crisis summit next week, that both Arab and Israeli officials predict will be a last-ditch attempt to rescue the peace process ..... **Page 13**

Exiles to return

The United Nations is finalising plans with Zaire and Tanzania which it hopes will lead to the return of one and a half million Hutus to Rwanda ..... **Page 14**

Oil drilling in the Queen's grounds

Permission was granted to drill for oil in the grounds of Windsor Castle, the Queen's favourite residence. Canuk Exploration has been given just eight weeks in which to strike and are likely to start work by August. Exploratory drilling will take place 800 yards southeast of the historic Norman castle and 200 yards east of the Long Walk ..... **Page 2**

BUSINESS

Gas: British Gas is rejecting many applications from householders who want to switch to cheaper suppliers, according to a leading rival. Norman Ellis, chief executive of Kinetica, said the rejections were slowing the spread of competition and alienating the larger domestic customers of British Gas .. **Page 25**

Political funding: The Conservative Party is facing a fresh challenge to its finances from Whitbread, one of the country's biggest brewers and hitherto a staunch supporter of the current government ..... **Page 25**

Economy: Official reserves of gold and foreign currency rose an underlying $62 million in December, reflecting the currency market's general confidence in the pound following recent interest rate rises ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 14.1 to 3051.6. Sterling's index rose from 79.8 to 80.0 after a fall from $1.5625 to $1.5622 and a rise from DM2.4286 to DM2.4359 .... **Page 28**

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Cricket: Australia needed 310 to win on the final day in the third Test after a positive start in pursuit of England's declaration that had set them 449 and left Graeme Hick 98 not out ..... **Pages 44, 48**

Football: Peter Shilton, the Plymouth Argyle player-manager, was suspended by the club after failing to meet the club's deadline for paying a £50,000 tax bill ..... **Page 43**

Gliding: Andrew Davis, who as the pilot of a jumbo jet, holds the lives of thousands in his hands, takes to the skies to defend his world gliding title ..... **Page 46**

Golf: The President's Putter, which is amateur golf's annual celebration of glorious madness, will get under way in typically wintry conditions at Rye today ..... **Page 42**

RUBEN SPRICH and MARTIN KEENE

Princess Eugenie crashes while skiing at Klosters with the Duchess of York and is rescued by her cousin, Prince William

TOMORROW

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POP ON FRIDAY
Critics told her to go away and get a life. So she did. Tanita Tikaram is back

ALL IN THE NAME
Philip Howard looks at some of the famous names that have left shadows across history

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Super industry: A delegation to Westminster wants tourism to be given a higher priority in government economic thinking .... **Page 23**

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Danish master: They are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Bertel Thorvaldsen, the man celebrated as Europe's greatest sculptor between Canova and Rodin .. **Page 34**

Silence is golden: Let's hear it for the ones who get overlooked when awards are dished out: the silent onlookers within a play, those presences without whom the play could not take place ..... **Page 35**

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Mexicans will have to make painful sacrifices because, in the short term, the key to reviving their economy is keeping foreign investors happy — *The Los Angeles Times*

The 104th Congress opens for business under GOP control for the first time in 40 years, and the Republicans have a revolution — *USA Today*

An international war crimes tribunal is gathering evidence against those who committed atrocities in Bosnia. Documenting must go forward while evidence can still be gathered — *The New York Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Richard Briers is reunited with *Good Life* scriptwriters John Esmonde and Bob Larbey for a comedy about a diplomat forced to become a labourer, *Down to Earth* (BBC1, 8.30pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond survives the longeurs of BBC1's *Devil's Advocate* but worries about the Italian accents of the British cast ..... **Page 47**

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No escape

A Home Office minister will rarely resign because of an individual escape or riot: he would be expected to do so if a policy he had devised went disastrously wrong. This distinction is not absolute ..... **Page 19**

Single issue hooligans

The cause of animal rights is not advanced by scenes of disorder in the media. Only those who seek to restrict personal liberty in our society can rejoice ..... **Page 19**

Try, try, try again

Now is the time for rugby players of both codes to unite in part and end their hostility ..... **Page 19**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In international competition in future, perhaps 5 per cent of the population will produce 80 per cent of the national income, and the employment of the 95 per cent will depend on the few ..... **Page 18**

DAVID PANNICK

The law rightly assumes that juries give their verdicts according to the evidence they see and hear in court, and are not influenced by what they have read in their newspapers, save possibly with regard to the horoscope, the weather forecast and the racing tipster ..... **Page 18**

JANET DALEY

The decline of heavy industry may have made many working-class men unemployable but it took active intervention by social reformers to put them beyond the social pale ..... **Page 18**

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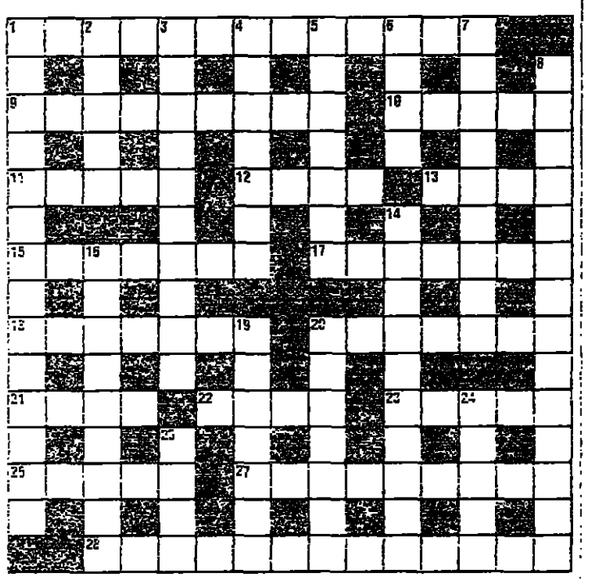

ACROSS

1 Money raised provided by men [illegible] crowing crew (6,2,5)
9 Animal [illegible] Cheney seen at the [illegible] (5)
10 Fishing going round root of willow tree (5)
11 The ordinal used by William of Orange (5)
12 Saying for cutting our opening in [illegible] (4)
13 Expert home in East London, for example (7)
15 Institutional areas among the best at Eton (7)
17 Fellow taking a paid worker in to the fray (7)
18 Published book showing the forward estimate (7)
20 A game city-dweller (7)
21 He leaves the fruit to defrost (4)
22 Unrestricted right to enter inherited estate (4)

23 Ignoring of a maiden in a classic novel (5)
26 A Continental female accepted it to make one (5)
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2 Boredom of game endlessly involving university (5)
3 Prumpmeers on safari, perhaps (10)
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5 In which we seriously put down a token payment (7)
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7 Characters building lofts know the locals (9)
8 Resolutely includes word on it from time to time (14)
14 He can wreck one's enjoyment of play (10)
16 Bird with a bit of food is a study in concentration (9)
19 Old city in Alaska oddly lacking a pleasure park (7)
20 Maker a fuss, but acts a role for the first time (7)
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Solution to Puzzle No 19,743

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday. Highest day temp [illegible] (both), lowest day max, Strath Vaich, Perthshire [illegible] highest rainfall [illegible] highest sunshine [illegible] Lowest night temp [illegible]

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises 7.55 am — Sun sets 4.16 pm

Moon sets 3.38 pm — Moon rises 8.54 am

First quarter January 9th

London [illegible]
Bristol [illegible]
Edinburgh [illegible]
Manchester [illegible]
Penzance [illegible]

FORECAST

General: eastern counties of England and Wales will have sleet or snow, with some significant accumulations of snow in parts of southeast England. Western counties will be milder, but with outbreaks of rain. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, and snow over higher ground. It will be windy, with gales in exposed coastal places and over higher ground inland

London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England: snow, turning to sleet or rain before clearing. Wind fresh to strong southeasterly. Max 2C (36F)

W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, N Ireland: cloudy, outbreaks of rain, snow on higher ground for a time. Wind south to southwest, fresh to strong, locally gale. Max 8C (46F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: rain clearing, then showers. Wind south becoming southwest, fresh to strong. Max 7C (45F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: showers or longer spells of rain, snow on higher ground. Wind southwesterly strong, locally gale. Max 7C (45F)

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: showers or longer spells of rain. Wind southwesterly strong to gale. Max 7C (45F)

Outlook: unsettled with showers or longer spells of rain and overnight frost

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright, c=cloud, d=drizzle, ds=dust storm, du=dull, f=fair, fg=fog, g=gale, h=hail, hr=rain, sh=shower, sl=sleet, sn=snow, s=sun, t=thunder

	Max	Sun hrs	Rain ins	Max		Sun hrs	Rain ins	Max
Aberdeen	3f	-	-	3f	Leamington	5.5	-	4f
Aberystwyth	4f	-	-	4f	Liverpool	5.5	-	4f
Alderney	5f	-	-	5f	London	5.5	-	4f
Avonmouth	5f	-	-	5f	Lowestoft	4.5	0.02	4f
Birmingham	4f	-	-	4f	Manchester	5.5	-	4f
Bognor R	5f	-	-	5f	Margate	5.5	-	5f
Bournemouth	5f	-	-	5f	Minehead	5.6	-	5f
Bristol	5f	-	-	5f	Morecambe	5.5	-	3f
Buxton	3f	-	-	3f	Newquay	5.5	0.03	5f
Cardiff	5f	-	-	5f	Norwich	5.5	-	4f
Clacton	5f	-	-	5f	Oxford	6.1	-	4f
Colwyn Bay	4f	-	-	4f	Penzance	5.5	0.19	5f
Cromer	5f	-	-	5f	Plymouth	5.5	-	5f
Dunstaffnage	3f	-	-	3f	Poole	5.5	-	5f
Eastbourne	5f	-	-	5f	Sandown	5.5	-	5f
Edinburgh	3f	-	-	3f	Scarborough	3.5	0.10	3f
Eskdalemuir	3f	-	-	3f	Scilly Isles	5.5	0.15	5f
Exeter	5f	-	-	5f	Shanklin	5.5	-	5f
Falmouth	5f	-	-	5f	Shrewsbury	4.5	-	4f
Felixstowe	5f	-	-	5f	Southend	3.5	-	4f
Filey	3f	-	-	3f	Southport	5.5	-	4f
Fleetwood	4f	-	-	4f	Stornoway	3.5	-	3f
Folkestone	5f	-	-	5f	Teignmouth	5.5	-	5f
Glasgow	3f	-	-	3f	Tenby	5.5	-	5f
Gurnsey	5f	-	-	5f	Tiree	4.5	-	4f
Hastings	5f	-	-	5f	Torquay	5.6	-	5f
Hunstanton	4f	-	-	4f	Tynemouth	3.5	-	4f
Isle of Man	4f	-	-	4f	Ventnor	5.5	-	5f
Jersey	5f	-	-	5f	Weymouth	5.5	-	5f
Lerwick	3f	-	-	3f	Whitby	3.5	-	3f
Leuchars	3f	-	-	3f	Yarmouth	5.5	-	5f

These are Tuesday's figures

ABROAD

Algiers	C'hagen	Madrid	Rome		
Amsterdam	Corfu	Majorca	Salzburg		
Athens	Dublin	Malaga	S Francisco		
Barbados	Dubrovnik	Malta	Santiago		
Belfast	Faro	Malt'rne	S Paulo		
Berlin	Florence	Miami	Seoul		
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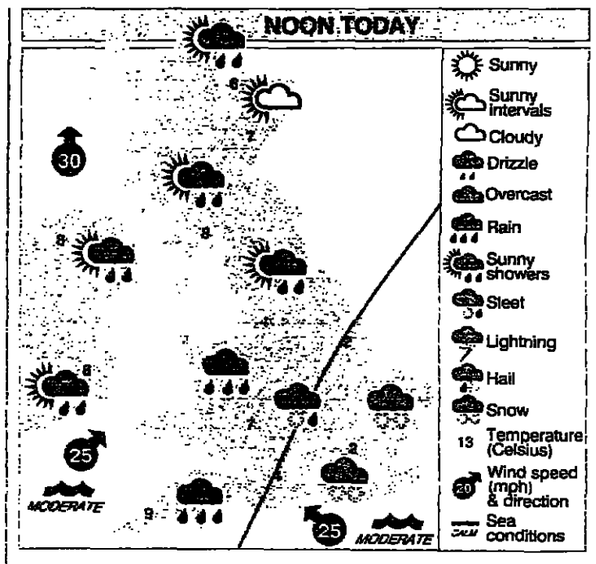

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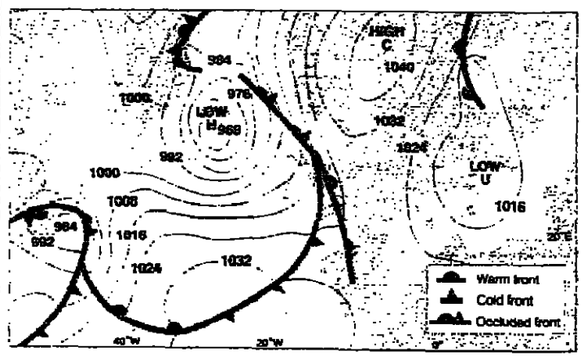

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Aberdeen	3.53	4.30	3.50	4.47	Liverpool	1.30	9.38	1.47	9.58
Avonmouth	9.56	13.55	10.06	13.02	Lowestoft	00.26	2.37	0.26	2.37
Belfast	1.30	7.37	1.44	3.65	Margate	2.15	4.65	2.49	4.74
Cardiff	9.39	12.24	9.56	11.75	Milford Haven	8.44	7.18	9.06	6.73
Brighton	8.24	5.63	8.50	5.26	Newquay	7.32	5.85	7.55	5.41
Dover	1.10	6.82	1.34	6.50	Oban	8.07	4.07	8.15	3.65
Dublin	2.01	4.06	2.10	4.36	Penzance	7.08	5.61	7.30	5.22
Falmouth	7.56	5.22	8.19	4.98	Portland	9.10	2.19	9.32	1.87
Glasgow	3.01	4.64	3.24	4.75	Portsmouth	1.46	4.92	1.57	4.75
Harwich	2.02	4.04	2.32	4.06	Shoreham	1.40	6.47	1.56	6.26
Holyhead	0.39	5.51	0.51	5.85	Southampton	1.02	4.63	1.16	4.57
Hull	8.49	7.31	8.54	7.74	Swansea	8.55	9.65	9.13	9.17
Ilfracombe	8.32	8.57	8.51	9.12	Tees	6.17	5.33	6.24	5.47
King's Lynn	8.38	6.51	8.55	6.91	Wilton-on-Naze	2.00	4.23	2.32	4.23

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Whitbread set to desert Tories after mini-Budget

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Conservative Party is facing a fresh challenge to its finances from Whitbread, one of the country's biggest brewers and hitherto a staunch supporter of the Government. The Whitbread board will meet shortly to consider whether to renew its annual donation to the Tories, and the indications are that it may be cut if not stopped entirely.

The brewer is one of many in the industry incensed at last month's mini-Budget, when Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, turned to drinkers, smokers and drivers to fill the gap in public finances caused by the Government's defeat over VAT on fuel. Whitbread is understood to have decided then to reconsider its support for the Conservatives, and this month's full board meeting, whose date is not yet set, is the first chance to do so.

The company could join a growing band of big businesses that have reined back corporate support for Conservative Central Office, which is already more than £16 million in the red.

Whitbread is refusing to comment, but a source close to the company said: "They (the board) really are going to examine seriously anything that has happened over the last year — that's going to have a significant bearing on any decision that's going to be made." The company, whose financial year ends on September 30, paid £30,000 to the Conservative Party in 1993-94, the same amount as the previous year. The year before, it raised to £60,000 to help the Tories to fund the cost of fighting the election.

The company, along with the rest of the industry, breathed a sigh of relief when Mr Clarke in his November Budget chose to hold duties on beer, wine and spirits while raising revenue levied on petrol and cigarettes. Brewers had argued for a cut in duties to allow them to counter what they claimed was the growing threat from cross-Channel imports, but most had accepted a freeze would be a good result.

Mr Clarke's decision to levy an extra penny on a pint of beer and 26p on a bottle of whisky on December 8 roused the drinks groups to fury, although one or two brewers conceded the rise on beer was as small as could have been hoped for.

Whitbread said then: "The Chancellor wanted to look tough in the light of the VAT debacle. Perhaps this will help his political problems, but at the cost of hundreds of small pubs that will go out of business."

If Whitbread fashions its own tough response to the Chancellor in the next couple of weeks it will be following in the footsteps of another big drinks group, Allied Domecq, which last year cut payments to the Tories after giving more than £1 million since the party came to power in 1979.

Other high-profile deserters include Argyll Group, owners of the Safeway supermarket chain, Racal Electronics and Lazards, the merchant bank once chaired by Sir John Nott, the former Defence Secretary, while long-term backers such as Taylor Woodrow and Tate & Lyle have cut back contributions.

'Blocking tactics' anger Gas rival

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH GAS is rejecting many applications from householders who want to switch to cheaper suppliers, according to a leading rival. Norman Ellis, chief executive of Kinetica, said the rejections were slowing the spread of competition and alienating the larger domestic customers of British Gas.

"We find a significant percentage of those that are initially rejected are spurned because British Gas records are so out of date," he said.

British Gas said it was "not aware of a problem". A spokeswoman said that the company relied on historic records that failed to take into account increases in production, but an appeal mechanism was available.

The charge that British Gas is inhibiting the spread of competition coincides with growing concern about the impact of adverse publicity on the Government's plans to liberalise the gas market.

Clare Spottiswoode, who heads Ofgas, the regulator, has told the company that a string of public relations gaffes, ranging from the 75 per cent salary increase given to Cedric Brown, its chief executive, to abandoning bill payment at showrooms, could make it more difficult for the Government to get its planned Gas Act through the House of Commons this year.

The Act is designed to allow the phased removal of the British Gas monopoly over the supply of gas to 18 million homes, beginning in April next year. Most business customers can already shop around for gas.

The latest conflict with independent suppliers arises because under existing regulations, gas customers can switch to rival suppliers only if they consume more than 2,500 therms a year.

Advertising by independents, initially directed at business users, has prompted an upsurge in inquiries from families whose gas bills exceed the current £1,120 a year threshold for conversion. According to figures from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, almost 65,000 households use more than 73,200 kilowatt/hours of gas a year and qualify to convert.

Kinetica has set up an inquiry service that promises customers a cut of between 8 and 12 per cent in their bills from the moment they call, provided that their application is accepted by TransCo, the British Gas transportation company.

Mr Ellis said, however, that wrangles often occur even where customers are making monthly direct-debit payments to British Gas that show they use substantially more than 2,500 therms a year.

Mr Ellis said that he had no evidence to suggest that British Gas was deliberately blocking the spread of competition. "Under British law, you have to assume they are just making mistakes," he added. But every error added to the costs of independents and increased the hostility of customers to British Gas.

Kinetica is among a cluster of companies that have made deep inroads into British Gas' dominance of industrial and commercial markets. According to independent research by John Hall Associates, British Gas has lost 90 per cent of the main tariff market over 25,000 therms.

Since the market from 2,500 therms to 25,000 therms was opened to competition in October 1992, independents, including Kinetica, Alliance Gas and Mobil Gas Marketing, have seized a half share. According to Mobil, many of the householders who have converted are businessmen who have turned to independent suppliers for their company's needs.

But regional electricity companies, many of them working with gas producers, are also moving into the gas market, where they believe they can offer a cut-price total energy package. Most householders will not be able to switch to independents until 1998. A typical family with central heating uses about 700 therms a year, for a bill of about £335 a year, plus VAT at 8 per cent.

Sales surge brings cheer at Allied

Christmas celebration: Tony Hales, left, chief executive of Allied Domecq, the drinks group, and Michael Jackaman, chairman, enjoyed a late but strong surge in sales of premium brands just before Christmas.

Allied said that sales to the drinks trade in the pre-Christmas week were running at 2½ times last year's levels. The company added that all the signs were that final sales to customers were also buoyant and said the trend augured well for 1995.

Brands that enjoyed heavy demand included Teacher's Scotch Whisky, Courvoisier Cognac, Beefeater Gin, Harveys Sherry and Cockburn's Port. Consumer demand was so strong that some brands were sold out in the rush. However, Allied complained about the effects of record levels of cross-border shopping, which it said looked set to continue because of the proliferation of offers of cheap ferry trips to France.

In spite of the release of the buoyant trading statement, the shares fell 1p to 535p.

Managers profit from buy-in disposal

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE management buy-in team which bought the New World gas cookers business from Blue Circle Industries last August have turned an investment of £5.5 million into a profit of £7.1 million by selling the company after only five months to Merloni Elettrodomestici, the Italian white goods manufacturer.

The sale for £12.6 million means that the MBI team of five, including Mike Hassall, the chief executive, will together walk away with about £3 million each after contributing 30 per cent of the original investment in New World Domestic Appliances.

New World was making losses when Murray Johnstone, the venture capitalists, agreed to back the team. Blue Circle wrote off morethan £40 million of its investment in the Warrington manufacturer.

Jonathan Diggines, director at Murray Johnstone, said the quick sale was never envisaged but the turnround was planned well ahead of the purchase in August. "We reduced overheads by 25 per cent, reduced manning and introduced new products, all in five months."

The buy-in team reduced staff by 100 to just over 600, mainly at management level. New products, including gas fires, were introduced, helping to turn the company back into profit.

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Yield	4.22%	
FT-SE A All share	1514.80	(-6.28)
Nikkei	19684.04	(-39.02)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3839.49	(+1.01)*
S&P Composite	458.64	(-0.47)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(5⅞%)
Long Bond	95[illegible]*	(95[illegible])
Yield	7.88%*	(7.92%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6[illegible]%	(6[illegible]%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5615*	(1.5630)
London:		
$	1.5611	(1.5637)
DM	2.4361	(2.4305)
FFr	8.3930	(8.3800)
SFr	2.0499	(2.0517)
Yen	158.27	(157.22)
£ Index	80.0	(79.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5608*	(1.5569)
FFr	5.3805*	(5.3670)
SFr	1.3130*	(1.3148)
Yen	101.38*	(100.67)
$ Index	63.5	(63.3)

Tokyo close Yen 101.60

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar)	$16.30	($16.10)

GOLD

London close	$375.55	($380.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Flotation

Sunsail, the sailing holidays company poised for a £20 million stock market debut, is the talk of Earls Court as the 41st London International Boat Show opens its doors for a 10-day run. Britain's luxury boat builders report a rising tide of sales on the back of demand from mainland Europe. Page 27

Thwarted

Sir Leon Brittan, the UK's senior European Commissioner, yesterday thwarted a directive to reduce the amount of American programmes on European television, by invoking a rarely used legal instrument that enabled him to postpone the vote. Page 26

Next sales figures have festive look

NEXT, the UK fashion chain, yesterday added to whisperings of upbeat festive-season trading statements from the high street with a leap of 35 per cent in Next Directory sales and an increase of 17 per cent in Next Retail in the run-up to Christmas (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The sharp rise in Directory sales in the period from August 1 to December 24 was achieved on the back of an increase in customers of more than 10 per cent.

Next Retail sales rose 17 per cent on selling space that was 2 per cent greater. Retail unit sales rose 20 per cent, a success that was achieved partly at the expense of margins. Average selling prices were 3 per cent lower and, as a result, the gross margin fell by about 1 per cent.

Britain's higher reserves reflect faith in the pound

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

OFFICIAL reserves of gold and foreign currency rose by an underlying $62 million in December, reflecting the currency market's general confidence in the pound after recent interest rate rises.

The underlying measure of Britain's reserves is widely considered the best published guide to how much the Bank of England has had to intervene in the markets in support of sterling.

The Bank of England figures, issued yesterday, showed that the actual level of the official reserves fell by $105 million last month, leaving reserves at a total $43.90 billion, still an historically high level.

Although pressure for an immediate increase in British base rates appeared to ease at the turn of the year, rates elsewhere in Europe have had to be lifted to defend vulnerable currencies.

The Bank of Spain yesterday signalled to the market, through a new repurchase tender, that it was setting its minimum rate at 8 per cent. This immediately prompted leading commercial banks to increase their prime lending rates to 8 per cent, from 7.35 per cent.

The peseta continued to show weakness after the interest rate move, which surprised the market only with its size. Monetary tightening had been expected after the build-up of inflationary pressures and the political difficulties of Felipe González, the Prime Minister.

The peseta's troubles are expected to give the pound extra support, as investors switch out of some troubled continental currencies and into sterling.

Ahead of today's session of the Bundesbank's policy-setting council, German call-money rates eased as the market prepared for no change in key lending rates. The first council meeting of 1995 is also expected to produce a further two weeks of fixed-rate repurchase rates, unchanged from current rates.

Although many analysts believe that the German central bank has lowered lending rates as much as possible for the current economic cycle, there appears to be little pressure for it to start raising rates yet.

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Liffe makes it 12 in a row with another record

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

The rise in Liffe's volumes was a victory over Matif, its French rival

TURBULENCE in the world's financial markets last year propelled Liffe, the London International Financial Futures Exchange, to record volumes for the 12th year in a row.

The exchange announced yesterday that it traded 153 million futures and options contracts in 1994, an increase of 50 per cent on the previous year. This was a resounding victory in its fierce competition with Matif, the French futures exchange, which reported a rise of only 29 per cent in its volumes to 93.4 million contracts.

On average, Liffe traded 607,000 contracts a day during the year, with an average daily turnover of £133 billion. The fastest growth came from Liffe's newer European products, including its three-month Eurolira contract where volumes rose by 134 per cent.

Trading contracts in German products also rose strongly and the German government bond futures became the exchange's most popular product after an 83 per cent rise in volumes to 37 million.

Daniel Hodson, Liffe's chief executive, said that volumes had been boosted artificially in March by heavy trading during the plunge in world bond markets, but that Liffe's underlying growth was still about 25 per cent. "We are leaving Matif behind. We have a much better range of products," he said.

Liffe achieved record volumes in spite of a slight year-on-year decline in trading in December when the number of contracts traded fell 4 per cent to 7.7 million. Mr Hodson said however that this was a traditionally quiet month and that the decline was not the start of any trend.

To maintain its growth, Liffe is now in discussions with Tokyo's financial futures market to establish a *joint* Euroyen futures contract. This could be traded for 24 hours between the two financial centres and increase Liffe's lead over other European futures markets even further. The contract could be introduced as early as the end of the year. Mr Hodson also said that Liffe is looking at introducing further European futures contracts, particularly where no market exists already.

Pay deals this year set to outstrip inflation

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TAX rises this year may fuel employees' pay demands, an independent pay study suggests today. However, it says that the inability of companies to pass on higher wage costs to customers may rein in rising pay settlements.

The latest estimate of current pay deals, from Industrial Relations Services, suggests annual wage awards are edging up, with most employers awarding higher rises than a year ago, and most deals running ahead of inflation.

IRS says that the impact of impending tax rises on take-home pay "will be an important factor" in pay negotiations over the coming months, and the company's study shows the effect on pay of the planned tax changes carried out for it by the independent Institute of Fiscal Studies.

Looking at a range of jobs from the IRS pay databank of more than 10,000 pay wards, the pay study suggests that the forthcoming tax increases will put new pressure on employees' take-home pay over the coming year, though it is unclear precisely how far such pressure will lead to higher claims.

Using the IFS figures, the pay study says that the proportion of earnings to be taken in tax falls as incomes rise, so that a hotel room cleaner on £5,750 a year will pay an extra 1.6 per cent of earnings in tax as a result of the last two Budgets, compared with 1.2 per cent for a £12,750 carworker and 0.2 per cent for a top civil servant earning more than £97,000 annually. IRS says the tax pressure will combine with an expected rise in the cost of living to influence pay. Its analysis shows that the Government's Retail Prices Index continues to provide a baseline figure for pay, below which only the bottom 25 per cent of settlements currently fall.

Any increase in inflation, as most economists are predicting, is "likely to exert strong upward pressure on pay awards." However, companies' continuing difficulties in passing on the cost of higher deals through higher consumer prices, together with the still-fragile nature of consumer demand, will hold back any rapid rises in inflation, allowing IRS to conclude that this should "mitigate against any sharp upturn in settlements in the near future".

Though ministers continue to maintain that the Government has as yet no evidence of increasing pay settlements, attributing the rise in average earnings increases to higher bonus and other payments instead, the IRS report is the latest outside indicator that pay deals are rising. It concludes that pay deals are now running at 2.7 per cent — up only marginally from its previous estimate of 2.6 per cent, but the first increase at all since last August.

Coming ahead of the "crucial" pay negotiating month of January, the IRS study says that "the signs are that settlements will continue on a gradual upward path", with the pick-up in deals in the three months to November suggesting that the recent period of pay stability may now be over. Settlements will increase gradually throughout the year towards a figure of 3 per cent, the study says.

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American TV given reprieve in Europe

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan, the UK's senior European Commissioner, yesterday thwarted a directive to reduce the amount of American programmes on European television, by invoking a rarely used legal instrument that enabled him to postpone the vote.

Yesterday's delay amounts to an early setback for the new French EU presidency, which has declared this issue as one of its official priorities.

The broadcasting directive, on which the European Commission is deeply split, is part of an attempt by Brussels and Paris to safeguard European language and culture by protecting indigenous television producers from the competition of cheap imports from outside the EU, mainly from America.

One of the most important provisions of the directive is to plug a loophole in the 1989 "Television without Frontiers" directive, which theoretically restricted broadcasters to keep non-EU programming below 50 per cent, but with the caveat that this applies only "where practicable". The new directive would shrink the loophole by shifting the burden of proof on to the broadcasters in cases of severe non-compliance.

Even in its currently diluted form, the directive is opposed by commercial broadcasters, the British and Luxembourg governments, and a group of European Commissioners, led by Sir Leon and Martin Bangemann, the German industry commissioner. The strongest pressure for the directive has come from the French Government. The French position is backed by Jacques Delors, the outgoing Commission president, and João de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese commissioner for media and culture.

Sir Leon yesterday invoked Article 4 of the Commission regulations, under which any Commissioner can demand that a vote be postponed for a week for further consultation. In practice, Sir Leon's move will postpone a decision until February, by which time the new commission, under Jacques Santer, the new president, will have taken office.

Sir Leon's official reason was that there had not been enough time for consultation. However, the move also appears to have been based on the calculation that in the new enlarged Commission it will take 11 commissioners to approve a directive, against nine at present. Mr Santer, a Luxembourger, may prove far less enthusiastic about a directive harming Luxembourg. Luxembourg, one of the main beneficiaries of Europe's liberalised television market, is host to major commercial broadcasting channels transmitting to Germany, Belgium and France.

The Commission could theoretically return to the proposal next week, but Commission sources said that this was unlikely because the Commission will then be in the "grey area" between expiry of its current term and inauguration of its successor administration. The current Commission has been asked to continue in a caretaker role because the European Parliament decided to delay the investiture of the new Commission until January 18, to allow MEPs from the three new member countries, Sweden, Finland and Austria, to take part in the vote.

Sun rises on another year: Kimono-clad women clap hands on the floor of the Tokyo Stock Exchange to mark the first transactions of 1995 yesterday. The session saw the Nikkei average drop 39.02 points to a 19,684.04 close

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.13	1.96
Austria Sch ..	18.12	16.62
Belgium Fr ...	53.11	48.81
Canada $	2.300	2.140
Cyprus Cypt	0.784	0.729
Denmark Kr ..	10.16	9.36
Finland Mrk	8 04	7.34
France Fr	8.88	8.18
Germany Dm	2.59	2 38
Greece Dr ...	399 00	374.00
Hong Kong $	12.72	11.72
Ireland Pt	1 06	0 98
Italy Lira	2635.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	172.00	158.00
Malta	0.619	0.564
Netherlds Gld	2.876	2.646
Norway Kr ...	11.20	10.40
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd ..	ref.	5.30
Spain Pta	213.50	199.50
Sweden Kr ..	12.25	11.45
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.01
Turkey Lira ...	refer	61070.0
USA $	1.658	1.528

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Brittan: invoked rule

Halifax forecasts more homes market gloom

BY ROBERT MILLER

HOUSE prices fell by 0.2 per cent in 1994 according to the Halifax Building Society's house price index published today.

Nor does the Halifax, Britain's largest mortgage lender, bring much cheer for 1995. The society says: "House prices in the UK generally remain unchanged. Some very small recovery in prices is likely in 1995, in line with the general recovery in the UK economy, but this will be limited by lower mortgage tax relief, lower DSS income support and possible further rises in interest rates."

The standardised average house price in the UK ended the year at £61,776 compared with £61,928 for December 1993. James Barty, housing economist at Morgan Grenfell, says: "There is almost certain to be a base rate rise in February or March and that will inevitably lead to an increase in mortgage rates. Against that backdrop, the prospect for the housing market during the year is for a very slow recovery and a pick-up that has no historic parallel."

The Halifax, which reports that December's house prices rose by 0.3 per cent, adds: "From April this year tax relief on mortgage interest will be further reduced to 15 per cent and the additional restrictions on state support for mortgage payments to people out of work recently imposed by the Government will further delay any significant housing market recovery."

Prices paid by first-time buyers, often regarded as the engine of any housing recovery, fell by 0.3 per cent in December and are now 0.1 per cent higher than this time last year. The average price paid by first-time buyers is now £45,358.

Earlier this week Nationwide Building Society reported a similarly gloomy outlook. It said that house prices in 1994 had risen by 0.3 per cent, although on a monthly basis the society said that they were up by 1.8 per cent in December, compared with a fall in the previous month of 2.7 per cent.

Royal's finance director to quit

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Dowdy is to quit as the £175,000-a-year finance director of Royal Insurance later this year, having helped to achieve a turnround in the composite insurer's fortunes.

Mr Dowdy, 60, is to leave at the end of his current one-year contract, on August 31. He joined Royal from George Wimpey in the middle of 1991, when Royal was considered by many analysts to be the weakest of Britain's insurers. It chalked up record losses of £373 million in 1991, after substantial mortgage indemnity losses and a badly timed move into estate agency.

Royal made record profits of £311 million in the nine months to November 1994.

Royal said that Mr Dowdy's departure was "totally amicable" and reflected the completion of the group's return to profit. Mr Dowdy is said to be considering his future.

Royal has made John Baker, chief executive of National Power, a non-executive director. The basic remuneration for a non-executive director of Royal in 1993 was £16,000, with an extra £4,000 payable for sitting on the chairman's committee and £2,000 for any of the company's other committees.

Fresh names on board of NI

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NEWS INTERNATIONAL, publisher of *The Times*, has announced the appointment of Dick Linford as chief financial officer. Douglas Flynn, deputy managing director and general manager of News International Newspapers, also joins the board.

Mr Linford was previously director of finance at BSkyB, working with Richard Brooke, the chief financial officer, and in charge of the day-to-day running of the financial operation of the company. He replaces Stephen Barraclough, who left News International to take up an appointment in America. Before joining BSkyB, Mr Linford held a number of posts with Occidental International Oil from 1977 to 1990.

Mr Flynn was appointed to his current position with News International Newspapers last February. He was previously managing director of News Limited Suburban Newspapers in Australia.

Barbara S. Thomas, who joined News International in February 1993 from the United States, has resigned from the company.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Gold at eight-month low as bonds thrive

GOLD fixed at its lowest level for eight months yesterday as investors baled out, convinced that 1995 will not be good for bullion. Gold fixed at $375.60 an ounce, sharply down on its morning setting, of $378.25, and the lowest since May 6. Silver slumped by more than 20 cents overnight, fixing at 471.25 cents an ounce, its lowest since early December. Higher interest rates make holding gold less attractive to investors than interest-bearing bonds or securities. The dollar should also be supported by US rate rises, making gold more expensive to holders of foreign currencies.

Gold came under fire in early futures trading on Tuesday in New York after a fall in silver prices. Disappointed investors who were looking for silver to climb above 500 cents liquidated positions when that hurdle seemed unattainable, and selling spread through the precious sector. Last year gold bulls had a target for gold of $400, which it came close to achieving briefly in September.

PIA chooses brigadier

THE Personal Investment Authority yesterday announced that David Cranston is to succeed Kit Jebens as head of its Member Relations Division in April. Mr Cranston, 49, is currently a brigadier in the Army and is serving as deputy chief executive of the Multinational Airmobile Division, which is based in Germany. Mr Cranston said: "The role of the Member Relations Division in monitoring investment firms' activities and ensuring high standards of ethical behaviour is critical to the effectiveness of the PIA as a regulatory body."

Clarke pleased by trip

BRITAIN and Malaysia agree that Malaysia should open up its booming financial sector to foreigners, but differ on the timing, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said yesterday. "We are pleased with the response from Malaysian ministers on liberalising the financial sector although we differed on the pace and timing of such liberalisation," he said. Mr Clarke, accompanied by financiers from London, is on a five-day official visit. Today he leaves for Thailand and will go on to Vietnam. His visit to Malaysia follows one by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, in October.

GrandMet sells Alpo

GRAND Metropolitan, the food and drinks group, has completed the $510 million sale of Alpo, its US petfood business, to Nestlé. GrandMet will record a £200 million profit on the deal that will help offset provisions of £280 million for the reorganisation of its spirits division and its European food business. The restructuring and sale were announced last September, but the group has been awaiting approval from the US Federal Trade Commission to tie up the Alpo deal. The group bought Alpo, in 1980, but it does not fit in with GrandMet's current strategy.

Pillar spends £23m

PILLAR Property Investments has spent £20 million on two office buildings in Manchester and a further £3.3 million on a development opportunity in Piccadilly, in London's West End. Pillar, floated on the Stock Exchange last summer, is buying the adjoining Churchgate House, now yielding 12.5 per cent, and Lee House (8 per cent), comprising 240,000 sq ft with total rental income of £1.7 million. Pillar expects to obtain vacant possession of the Piccadilly property in June and a one-year refurbishment is planned to provide 14,300 sq ft of offices.

Orange County cutback

ORANGE County, the California local government authority that filed for protection under Chapter Nine of the Federal Bankruptcy Code after sustaining an estimated loss of $2.02 billion in its investment pool, has started the process of eliminating between 700 and 1,000 jobs in an effort to save $40 million. About 80 jobs have been lost within the county's general services agency. Salomon Inc, the merchant bank that has been hired to liquidate the portfolio of Orange County, yesterday auctioned off corporate bonds with a par value of $740 million.

Salomon appointed

THE Treasury has appointed Salomon Brothers International, the American merchant bank, to advise on the proposed disposal of part of its holding of £1.38 billion of debt in British Telecom and privatised electricity companies in the last financial year. No decisions have been taken on the precise structure, size and timing of the disposal, the Treasury said. Salomon Brothers has advised the Treasury on the disposal of £1.76 billion of privatised companies' debt in the current financial year.

Partco to buy again

PARTCO, the distributor of automotive components, yesterday announced its second acquisition since it was floated on the stock market last March. The company is buying Belfast-based Downey Autoparts, paying for the deal out of its own cash resources. Net assets acquired are worth about £400,000. Downey Autoparts, established more than 20 years ago, consists of commercial, car, agriculture and quarry plant autoparts. Its main customers are in Northern Ireland although it also exports to the Irish Republic. Partco shares were unchanged at 228p.

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BEST TRAVEL LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: 31 Topsfield Parade, London, N8 8PT
Company Number: 788600
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 29 November 1994 N R Lyle & R S Preece and were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference:- AXR/MJP/JMR
N R Lyle & R S Preece
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London EC4A 3AS

No. 007081 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF IAF GROUP plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated 14 December 1994, confirming the reduction of capital from £50,000,000 to £24,000,000 and the reduction of the share premium account by £448,653 of the above-named company and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered with the Registrar of Companies on 15 December 1994.
TRAVERS SMITH BRAITHWAITE
3 January 1995
Solicitors for the Company

No 007653 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF A & P APPLEDORE HOLDINGS LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 20 December 1994 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company of £29,026,111 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21 December 1994.
DATED this 5th day of January 1995.
Irwin Leighton
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London EC4R 9HA
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Solicitors for the above-named Company.

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REGISTERED NUMBER 2859076
TRADING NAME:
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Notice is hereby given that on 29 December 1994, John Andrew Talbot and Alan David Lewis of PO Box 95, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company by United Dominion Trust Ltd (Transferred to TSB Bank plc) under the powers contained in a debenture dated 31 March 1994 containing fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertakings of the company.
Dated this 30th day of December 1994
J A TALBOT and A D LEWIS
Joint Administrative Receivers.

PERMANENS LIMITED
Registered Number: 2851535
Nature of business: BUILDING REPAIRS
Trade Classification: 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th December 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc.
K.P. Berry, FCA and K.D. Goodman, FCA.
Joint Administrative Receivers, (office holder nos 5741 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis and Co. PO Box 653, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

RIGHTSTONE LIMITED
Registered Number: 972577
Former Company name: PERMANENS RESTORATION LIMITED
Nature of Business: BUILDING REPAIRS
Trade Classification: 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th December 1994
Name of person appointing administrative receivers: National Westminster plc.
K.D.Goodman, FCA and K.P.Berry, FCA.
Joint Administrative Receivers, (office holder nos 2407 and 5741) of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 653, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

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IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 12th January 1995 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.
A person is only entitled to vote at this meeting if:

a) details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the Company have been given to us not later than 12.00 noon on the business day next before the meeting, and

b) there has been lodged with us a proxy which is intended to be used at the meeting.

If you wish to participate in the meeting of the creditors, would you please forward details of your claim against the company, and any proxy which you wish to be used on your behalf, to the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.
DATED THIS 21ST DECEMBER 1994
Michael J C Oldham
Joint Administrative Receiver

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DEL TUFO, Lady KATHARINE MARY, Chudleigh, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, died 30th April 1994; partículars to Riddle & Co, Solicitors, 1 Graham Street, London, EC1V 7BE, before 28 January 1995

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Talks to reopen on access to Japan's car markets

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA and Japan agreed to reopen talks on improved access to the Japanese car market as Washington forecast that the US trade deficit will widen again this year. Cars account for about half of America's $60 billion annual trade deficit with Japan.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Trade Minister, announcing the resumption of the car market talks between Washington and Tokyo yesterday, said he hoped the talks would resume this month.

He underlined that the talks would be between officials of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry and the US Commerce Department, not the US Trade Representative's Office (TRO). Mr Hashimoto said that the Commerce Department's involvement meant that the talks would be outside the US 301 trade sanction procedures. In October, the TRO said Japan's car parts market was practising unfair trading.

Tomiichi Murayama, the Japanese Prime Minister, is scheduled to visit Washington next week and the announcement of the car market talks should soothe a key irritant in bilateral trade relations.

The car talks will focus on deregulation, Japan's car repair market, US car-part sales in Japan and access to Japanese car markets.

A report from the US Treasury, issued yesterday, said that global recovery was well under way and that this year could be the best for seven years. Despite its efforts to boost exports, the Clinton Administration last month said that American trade for 1994 was on course for a deficit of more than $150 billion, the second-biggest shortfall on record. The annual report to Congress said high unemployment and trade deficits in Europe were listed among the blemishes on the incresaing optimism about recovery and growth in the world.

The report noted that economic recovery in Europe and Japan should help to lift American exports.

Hashimoto: talks soon

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☐ The future lies in futures ☐ Counting out the electricity companies ☐ A deal brewing slowly

The walk of Liffe

☐ THERE is one British success story that is rarely written about. It was founded only 12 years ago but today earns almost £1 billion a year and has up to 30,000 direct and indirect employees. Even more unusually, this is no Japanese-owned car assembly plant or American electronics factory but a British-owned venture that consistently outmanoeuvres its competition on the Continent.

The business is the London International Financial Futures Exchange, which yesterday reported another set of record volume figures, showing that its average daily turnover is now an impressive, although meaningless £133 billion a day. The reason its success is so rarely documented is that few outside the City understand what it actually does, apart from providing platforms for young men and women to wear gaudy jackets, shout loudly and make ridiculous gestures. Providing facilities for the world's financial institutions to trade the obligation to buy or sell financial instruments in three months' time is not the easiest concept to put across.

Such obscurity has not deterred Liffe from continuing to expand. True, last year's volume figures were enhanced by the turbulence in the world bond markets which sent investors scurrying for the nearest liquid futures markets to cover their positions. But the underlying growth was still well into double digits. Derivatives are still a growth market, however much central banks fret about their use, and Liffe is adept at discovering what products investors want to trade and delivering them.

True, there have been slip-ups. The Bobl, a medium-term German bond future, suffered an ignominious death last September when it became clear that it was never going to break the grip that the DTB, the German futures exchange, has on the market. Similarly, Liffe's Eurodollar contracts are dying slowly since the market is dominated by the US exchanges. But commenators who wrote Liffe's obituary a year ago, when the DTB and Matif, the French futures exchange, announced a grand alliance, have been disappointed. Liffe's volumes are now more than 50 per cent larger than Matif and its growing range of international products only emphasises how parochial Europe's other futures markets are.

Liffe is now trying to steal an even greater lead on its European rivals. Its talks with the Tokyo futures market to introduce a Euroyen contracts would create a highly liquid future that could be traded on a 24-hour basis. Whenever a bank or and institutional investor wanted to take a currency position, it could turn to the Euroyen.

All this rocket science may seem a long way removed from the feel-good factor and Kenneth Clarke's finances. But whatever those men in red and green jackets are doing, it is a great help to Britain's balance of trade.

The Treasury's power play

☐ ONE of the better guessing games on the stock market for 1995 is to decide just how many of the 12 regional electricity companies will still be independent by the end of this year.

The bears' analysis says 12: the Trafalgar House bid for Northern will be blocked by an unholy alliance of the politicians, the

regulator and the competition authorities, and other bidders will be scared off as a result.

This would be bad news for share prices and the millions of smaller investors who are hanging on in the sector in the hope of further gains, although it would not be without some justice given the huge profits such shareholders are already enjoying.

The counter view is that a successful bid from Trafalgar in the spring will trigger a feeding frenzy which would see the smaller companies like Seeboard, Manweb, South Western, London and South Wales gobbled up by outsiders and, piranha-fashion, by their larger brethren, to leave as few as six large and well-fed fish swimming in the same bowl. The clear indications are that the £1.2 billion battle for Northern will be fought out in the political arena. The main political concern should really be whether the lights will continue to burn in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and its environs if Trafalgar is allowed to take control. But that is not how it is done in the real world. The bid does raise important questions of precedent, such as the extent that electricity companies, like the water sector, should be ring-fenced and made to operate as independent entities under whatever ownership.

But if, as seems likely, political considerations prevail, consider two questions. How would the Government feel about a bid that eventually deprived the Treasury of £300 million-odd of tax revenue, as Trafalgar's would? And how keen might the Treasury be to see the whole affair kicked into touch via an MMC reference until well into the summer, allowing the market's attention to be focused back on an issue that really matters to Whitehall. In all the bid fever among the RECs, the spring sale of the £4 billion government stake in the two generators is in danger of being overlooked, which would not suit the Treasury at all.

Plucking up Courage

☐ AS THE days lengthen, the pressure is increasing on Courage, Britain's second-biggest brewer, to make some kind of pronouncement on the company's future, to the extent that a holding statement at least should be only a few weeks off.

The main *dramatis personae*, as well as Foster's, comprise Scottish & Newcastle and Whitbread, favoured British buyers, and Anheuser-Busch.

All the parties have their individual problems that are hampering resolution of the negotiations.

Foster's cannot walk away without ensuring UK production of its main brand at Courage's Reading brewery, to the extent that a ten-year deal is probably a requirement. US-owned Anheuser is big enough to take on the whole business but only needs the Mortlake brewery in south west London for its Budweiser product.

The two British brewers need between them to divide up Courage's assets, but what concerns them is another time-consuming monopolies commission inquiry of the kind that prompted Carslberg and Allied-Lyons/Tetley to take their respective eyes off the ball after their merger was announced.

The winner in such an event would be Bass, the clear market leader.

One solution could be for Whitbread, the brewer with the strongest balance sheet, to cut the Gordian knot and take on all of Courage itself, parcelling out the business in due course as it can. Otherwise the situation could drag on for many more months.

Much ado ...

☐ FOR comment on the Finance Bill, over to Andrew Jones, tax expert at Ernst & Young. He fulminates: "How can this Bill be 348 pages long? The general reaction to the Budget was that *there wasn't much in it.* And the Chancellor put a lot of emphasis on the need to simplify and deregulate taxation in his statement. Yet we still have a huge Bill full of lengthy and complex legislation." Thank you, canny Ken.

Philip Morris to restructure food interests

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

PHILIP Morris said yesterday it will merge its two food businesses, Kraft and General Foods, in a restructuring designed to make the operations more efficient. The new company, Kraft Foods, will have a single corporate staff and will be based in Illinois.

Kraft said that it would consolidate the manufacturing and distribution of the two companies and eliminate a *management layer across the organisation.*

The moves will allow senior executives to work directly with business divisions, speeding up decision-making and increasing responsiveness to the market place, the company said.

Owned by Philip Morris, the cigarette company, since the 1980s, Kraft and General Foods have been criticised in the past for being badly co-ordinated, with large supermarket chains having to place separate orders with the various divisions of the two companies long after their systems could have been centralised. Analysts said yesterday's announcement bore the mark of Philip Morris's new food chief, James Kilts, as the driving force behind the fusion of the two businesses. They predicted revamped Kraft products, designed to take on new lines from RJR Nabisco and other competitors.

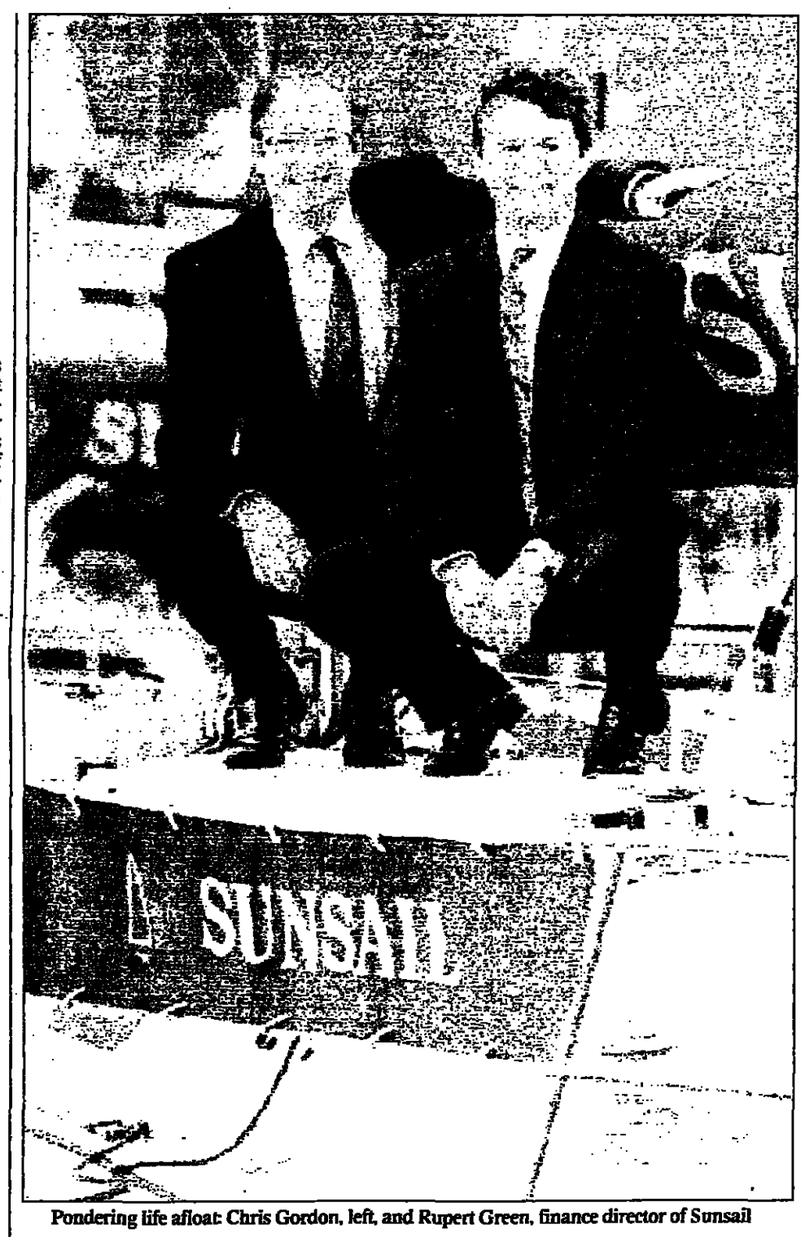
In Europe, Kraft and General Foods were merged immediately after the Philip Morris takeover.

Kraft, with about 55,000 employees, is the largest food manufacturer in the US marketplace and makes brands such as Maxwell House coffee and Philadelphia cream cheese.

The company said its new name, Kraft Foods, stresses the Kraft brand, which is its largest, best-known and most successful trademark, accounting for more than 25 per cent of North American sales and more than 35 per cent of profits. The combined company will be led by Robert Morrison as chairman and chief executive officer, and John Bowlin as president and chief operating officer.

The company also confirmed that it expects to cut about 100 *management* and support positions as part of the reorganisation.

Last year, Philip Morris was expected to spin off its entire food business, a move apparently supported by the then chief executive, Michael Miles. Mr Miles was subsequently replaced by Geoffrey Bible, who is believed to be against the idea of taking the cigarette company out of the food business.



Pondering life afloat: Chris Gordon, left, and Rupert Green, finance director of Sunsail

Boatbuilders sail into calmer waters

BY JON ASHWORTH

BID rumours and stock market flotations are the talk of Earls Court today, as the 41st London International Boat Show opens its doors for a 10-day run. Britain's luxury boat builders report a rising tide of sales on the back of demand from mainland Europe and the Far East.

Organisers hope to sell £50 million of boats and equipment in the coming days. Industry-wide sales could top £1 billion this year.

Talk of the show is Sunsail, the UK sailing holidays firm, poised for a £20 million market debut. The company claims to be the biggest operator of yachting holidays in the Mediterranean and publishes its pathfinder prospectus next week. Chris Gordon, founder and chief executive, said sales rose 20 per cent last year.

Elsewhere, rumours are rife over the future of Fairline Boats, the UK's only quoted boatbuilder, which was boarded by a new shareholder last summer after years of family control. The Newington family sold 29.9 per cent to Renwick Group, a Devon company ultimately controlled by Graham Beck, a South African businessman. There is speculation that he may mount a full bid. He also controls Marine Projects (Plymouth), maker of the Princess range of motor yachts.

Briony Newington, a director of Fairline, said sales rose 17 per cent in 1994. Germany, France, Spain, and Italy top the league in European sales. Mrs Newington said the Squadron range has given it a strong foothold in the European luxury boat business. Fairline made a pre-tax profit of £1.1 million (£558,000) on sales of £39.3 million (£33.6 million) in the year to September 30. The Newingtons still own 25 per cent.

Marine Projects, whose Princess 66 is the biggest boat on display at the show, says sales have picked up strongly in the last five months. The company has launched a new "V" class of open sports yachts to compete with rival Sunseeker International, which reports strong interest from Singapore to South America. It is developing a new boatyard in Poole for its new range of 77ft motor yachts, which go into production in the autumn. The Boat Show runs until January 15.

Disney tops $1bn at the box office

WALT DISNEY'S Buena Vista distribution division has become the first company to gross $1 billion in a year at the box office. Films distributed by Buena Vista grossed $1.01 billion between January 3, 1994, and January 2, 1995, Disney said.

The Lion King animated film passed the $300 million mark at the box office over the holiday weekend, with weekend grosses of $2,046,582 pushing the film's box office total to $300.4 million.

Disney said its holiday release *The Santa Clause* had become its highest-grossing live-action film ever, with a total to date of $137.8 million.

Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, Disney's previous top live-action film, had a total US box office take of $130.7 million.

The Lion King claws past $300m mark

Venture trust target queried

BY ROBERT MILLER

LEADING venture capitalists last night questioned the Government's claim that the new-style venture capital investment trusts would raise £2.5 billion of much-needed finance for small companies within three years.

Details of the new venture capital trusts, which were announced in last November's Budget, were contained in the 1995 Finance Bill, published yesterday by the Treasury. The Bill has 141 clauses and is 348 pages long.

Jonathan Blake, director of the British Venture Capital Association, which has 120 members, said: "We would be very surprised if the sum of £2.5 billion were raised in the first three years. There are probably an insufficient number of decent investments to make that possible." He did, however, welcome the principle of the new trusts.

Venture capital investment trusts will, from April, provide a stock exchange listed vehicle that will invest in unquoted companies with assets of less than £10 million. Investors will receive up-front tax relief of 20 per cent, provided the shares are held for five years. In addition, they will receive up to 40 per cent re-investment relief if they sell existing investments with a capital gains tax liability.

Ernest Fenton, the director-general of the Asociation of Investment Trust Companies, said: "We, too, consider £2.5 billion an unrealistically high target. Nevertheless, some of our members have expressed strong interest in launching such a vehicle."

Iain Tulloch, a director of Murray Johnstone, the fund management house, said that the group would be launching a venture capital investment trust at the earliest opportunity. However, he added: "Managers need to have a national network to maintain a steady flow of quality investments. There is a danger that some regional groups may try to raise too much money and then not have enough decent companies to invest in."

Commenting on the Bill, Andrew Jones, national tax partner with Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, said: "Another *mammoth* Finance Bill will pass into law with many clauses undebated, and with no challenge to the underlying principles on which the whole process rests."

Office shortage 'set to lift London rents'

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE London property market is facing a shortage of office space that could send rents in the West End and the City soaring by between 15 and 17 per cent by the end of the year, according to Richard Ellis, the surveyor, caused by increased take-up and a lack of new development.

The stock of new office space available fell from 6 million sq ft to 3.4 million over last year. If current take-up rates continue, this will represent less than one year's supply of new space, says Richard Ellis.

The surveyor predicts that we could be returning to a situation of severe shortage of quality space towards the end of 1995.

As overall vacancy rates fell from 11.5 per cent to 8.5 per cent, rents are on the move. Top rents in the West End edged up to £42.50 per sq ft and in the City rose from £30 to £32.50. Richard Ellis forecasts top rents of £50 in the West End and £37.50 in the City by the year-end.

Stephen Hubbard, partner, said that incentives, such as rent-free periods were falling and cash payments to tenants had virtually disappeared on Grade A properties. The lack of new development in the pipeline, he says should keep rents moving upwards.

Northern puts its bid fears to MPs

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

NORTHERN Electric, under a £1.2 billion takeover threat from Trafalgar House, is to return to political campaigning today by meeting Conservative MPs and party workers.

This will be followed by similar meetings with Labour representatives on Friday to put Northern's case that a Trafalgar takeover — which must, in any event, wait until after the March 31 expiry of the Government's controlling "golden share" — will not be in the interests of its consumers.

The bid is currently bogged down with the competition authorities. The industry regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, has also indicated that he will want to consider its implications for Northern's 1.3 million customers.

Northern is expected to remind MPs that it has the lowest relative prices of any of the regional electricity companies in England and Wales, and that the regulator has deemed it to provide the best customer service in the industry. It will also point to its local employment record.

Northern is not, itself, pressing formally for a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which would stall the bid for much of summer.

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Inchcape sells US interests

Inchcape, the international services and marketing group, has sold the bulk of its US insurance broking interests for $50 million to Acordia, of Indianapolis, as part of plans by the companies to forge a global *insurance broking* alliance.

The deal, struck after more than three months of talks, involves the commercial retail broking business, benefits consultancy and workers third party administration operations of Bain Hogg Robinson, the US subsidiary of Bain Hogg, Inchcape's insurance broking operation.

Bain Hogg, the UK's largest retail insurance broking group, was formed last year when Inchcape bought Hogg Group for £177 million and merged it with its existing Bain Clarkson business. Inchcape shares fell 4p to 423p. Tempus, page 28

First floating

Pentex, a Scottish oil company with production in the East Midlands and the North Sea, today becomes the first flotation of 1995, with a £22 million introduction to the Stock Exchange. Pentex was founded by a group of Scottish businessmen in 1981 and has avoided heavy investment in exploration, preferring to invest in known fields. Backed by loans from the Bank of Scotland, Pentex has built up proven reserves valued at about £69 million.

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Hughes cheer

TJ Hughes, the discount *department store chain* based in the North West, said sales in its 13 outlets over the festive season exceeded expectations, rising to record levels in the week before Christmas. In the year to the end of January 1994, pre-tax profits rose to £1.6 million, from £1.47 million. Tempus, page 28

Embarrassing admission after 'accounting error'

How a missing minus raised shareholders' hopes

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

AN ACCOUNTANT who forgot to place a minus sign made the largest mutual fund in the world richer by $2.6 billion and was the cause of Fidelity Investment's embarrasing admission to investors that it would not, after all, be paying them an end-of-year dividend.

Shareholders in the Magellan Fund were told in December that there would be no payout because of what Fidelity then described only as "an accounting error". Analysts speculated that the Boston-based financial service giant must be using elaborate, computer-generated accounting methods, and that an error had occurred amid the complexities.

However, in a letter to Magellan shareholders, Gary Burkhead, managing director of Fidelity Investments, admitted that an unnamed accountant had caused the error when transcribing the fund's financial records to a spreadsheet.

The accountant left out the minus sign on a net capital loss of $1.3 billion and incorrectly treated it as a net capital gain. This meant that the dividend estimate spreadsheet was off by $2.6 billion. The company went on to predict a year-end distribution of $4.32 a share, only to have to retract it later.

"As soon as the error was discovered, we issued a public statement to inform Magellan's shareholders of the change," Mr Burkhead wrote. "The error had nothing to do with the level of actual gains or losses in the fund, or the fund's net asset value: it only affected the calculation of the estimate of the distribution.

"Some people have asked how, in this age of technology, such a mistake could be made. While many of our processes are computerised, the requirements of the tax code are complex and dictate that some steps be handled manually by our tax managers and accountants, and people can make mistakes."

A chastened Fidelity will, in future, subject estimates to the same "rigorous verification" process that it gives to the distributions the funds actually pay, Mr Burkhead promised.

STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Trafalgar bid heading for monopoly reference

THERE is a growing consensus in the Square Mile that **Trafalgar House's** *£1.2 billion* bid for **Northern Electric** will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

That said, the betting remains firmly in favour of Trafalgar eventually winning the day, although it may have to increase its offer from £10.50 a share to around £12 a share to guarantee success.

The Northern share price slipped back below the £10 level yesterday with a fall of 6p to 997p, while Trafalgar was 1p lower at 75p. The electricity companies have until next week to put their views on the affair to the industry regulator, who will then pass on his comments to the Office of Fair Trading.

City speculators believe the bid will be referred as a precautionary measure to lay down ground rules for future bids within the industry which are anticipated before the year-end.

By the close of business last night the whole of the electricity sector was looking flat as profit-takers decided to take a turn after its recent strong performance. **East Midland** fell 12p to 834p, **Eastern**, 18p to 777p, **London**, 18p to 739p, **Manweb**, 7p to 872p, **Midlands**, 16p to 805p, **Norweb**, 23p to 840p, **Northern Ireland**, 6p to 359p, **Seeboard**, 18p to 463p, **South West**, 17p to 868p, **South Wales**, 11p to 896p, **Southern**, 21p to 799p, and **Yorkshire**, 11p to 727p.

The sell-off undermined the rest of the market, where an early mark-up was quickly wiped out. The continued absence of institutional support and an opening fall on Wall Street saw prices close near their low of the day. The FT-SE 100 index was left nursing a fall of 14.1 at 3,051.6 on turnover of about 400 million shares.

Among leaders, **BAT Industries** closed below its best with a rise of 3p at 439p. Hoare Govett, the broker, is said to have urged clients to switch short-term into **Rothmans International**, 2p easier at 453p.

BBA Group, the automotive parts supplier, stood out with a rise of 3p to 204p. James Capel, the broker, is said to be recommending the shares to clients. **Williams Holdings** also moved against the trend, adding 2½p at 315p as the bargain hunters got busy. The shares have been trading at a new low over the Christmas period.

An up-beat trading statement lifted **Eurotunnel** 15p to 312p. The company reports that it took 12,000 bookings for its Le Shuttle service between London and Paris during the last two weeks of December and is now operating a 24-hour service with about 40 departures a day. By the end of last month, 65,000 heavy goods vehicles, 82,000 cars, 700 Eurostar trains and 1,200 railfreight trains had travelled through the tunnel. Brokers now fear that the success of Le Shuttle could be bad news for the ferry operators, including **P&O**, which has started to offer cheap day trips across the Channel. P&O shares fell 14p to 596p.

Allied Domecq finished 1p easier at 535p after reporting that sales of its spirits division, which includes Teacher's scotch whisky and Beefeater gin, had enjoyed a strong run-up to Christmas. Trade sales during the week before Christmas soared more than two-and-a-half times, with sales to customers also buoyant.

Also enjoying a bumper Christmas was **TJ Hughes**, the north west of England discount stores chain, which now expects full-year pre-tax profits to live up to market expectations.

Sales in its 13 stores during the week before Christmas reached record levels and the company confirms that the growth in like-for-like sales seen during the first half had been maintained during the second six months. The shares responded with a rise of 2p to 82p.

Zeneca is seeking permission from European countries to market Zestril, used for the treatment of heart attack victims. It is currently registered for the treatment of hypertension and congestive heart failure in most of the world's major markets.

Meanwhile, the Germans have given Wellcome and Centocor, the US group, the go-ahead to market Panorex, the cancer treatment. The launch of the drug in Germany is expected within the next few months. Centocor makes the drug, while Wellcome has the responsibility of marketing it throughout the world.

Saltire, the former Cannon Street Investments, was steady at 11½p as shareholders gave its £10.8 million cash call the cold shoulder. Acceptances totalled less than 50 per cent of the issue, which was priced at 12p in November. The rump of the shares have now been placed with institutions. The electronics components group wants the money to help finance the £16 million acquisition of Mapin Electronics.

Also on the acquisition trail is **Partco**, the automotive parts group, which is buying Belfast-based Downey Autoparts. It is the second acquisition by Partco since it came to market in March last year. Its shares finished unchanged at 228p.

Pentex, a Scottish oil company with production in the East Midlands and the North Sea, became the first flotation of 1995 with a £22 million introduction to the Exchange.

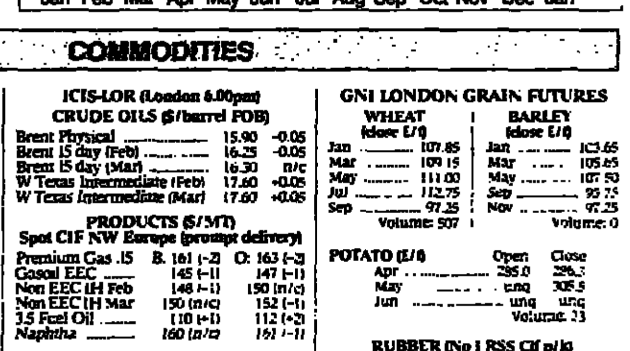
□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts shrugged off some of their recent dullness as a stronger pound and positive performance from US Treasury bonds prompted investors to cover some of their short positions. In the futures pit, a total of 39,000 contracts were completed as the March series of the Long Gilt climbed £17/32 to £100¾.

In conventional issues, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 ran up £¼ to £103 9/16, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 firmed five ticks to £102⅞.

□ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips traded in a tight range and were almost unchanged at midday as analysts said there was little news or data to move markets. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.01 at 3,839.49.

Henry Cameron, chairman of Pentex, floated first in 1995

BRITISH Airways ended 2p lower at 361p in reaction to the news that Virgin is to be allowed to pursue its billion dollar "dirty tricks" claim through the US courts. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, is unperturbed and says any weakness in the BA price should be seen as a buying opportunity.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3839.49 (+1.01)
S&P Composite	458.64 (-0.47)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19684.04 (-39.02)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7887.01 (+42.87)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	417.38 (+0.56)

Sydney:

AO	1886.2 (-18.7)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2072.26 (-2.52)

Singapore:

Straits	2244.14 (-2.11)

Brussels:

General	7206.72 (+4.78)

Paris:

CAC-40	1901.79 (+15.98)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	653.30 (+4.80)

London:

FT 30	2347.3 (-16.4)
FT 100	3051.6 (-14.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	3482.1 (-14.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1337.95 (+5.39)
FT A All-Share	1514.80 (-6.28)
FT Non Financials	1640.21 (-6.88)
FT Gold Mines	236.6 (-7.9)
FT Fixed Interest	109.45 (-0.08)
FT Govt Secs	90.80 (+0.03)
Bargains	16902
SEAQ Volume	491.4m
USM (Datastrm)	149.47 (+0.15)
US$	1.5622 (-0.0003)
German Mark	2.4359 (+0.0073)
Exchange Index	80.0 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2761
£:SDR	1.0728
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	98	...
BSkyB	255½	-1
British Ats Gth	63	-1
Clydeport	168	+1
Euclidian (100)	97	...
Fidelity Sp Val	92	...
Fidelity Sp Val W	29	...
First Russ Fts ($10)	620	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	92	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	100½	-1½
Grtmre Mcro Ind (500)	508	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Hydro Int (80)	83	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
Investors Capital	89	-1
Invstrs Cap Inc An	37½	-½
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Leg & Gen Recvry (100)	99	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Matheson Lids IT (100)	85	...
Murray Emrg Ec (100)	92	...
RAP Group	138	...
RM (175)	207	+1
Residential Prop	101	...
SeaPerfect (120)	128	...
TeleWest Comm (182)	168	...
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Uts	123	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Inspirations n/p (120)	11	-2
MY n/p (53)	¼	...
OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Powell Duffryn n/p (440)	53	+4
Tomrrws Leis n/p (10)	½	...
Trio n/p (25)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	-¼
Wlkr Grnbnk n/p (90)	9	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Jardine Math	496p (+48p)
Philip Harris	167p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Courtaulds	449p (-12p)
Croda	373p (-14p)
Broken Hill	957p (-40p)

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TEMPUS

Acordia relations

INCHCAPE can turn its skills as an international trader to buying and selling businesses with impressive results. Yesterday's disposal of the US operations of Bain Hogg, its insurance broking subsidiary, was a success on several counts.

The small broking chain was not an attractive business. With a network of only 38 offices spread throughout the country, it was too small to compete effectively with the major brokers, particularly since it only offered a vanilla-flavoured range of property and casualty insurance and benefit consultancy. Its 1993 results, when it turned in a profit of only £750,000 on a £44 million turnover, reflect the pressure it was under. Other brokers with small American businesses have found them virtually unsaleable.

In the event, Inchcape has been fortunate to raise as much as £32 million from the disposal, and the proceeds will repay a substantial piece of the £177 million that Inchcape paid for Hogg last year. In addition, Bain Hogg's growing association with Acordia, the buyer, should distil into a full joint venture by the end of June. The deal leaves Bain Hogg without any meaningful presence in North America, but Acordia's network should provide it with a stream of US wholesale business to place in the London market.

Acordia and Bain Hogg, as the sixth and seventh largest brokers in the world, need each other to offer the same global network as their larger rivals. One day Inchcape may even be tempted to tie the two together more closely. Until then, Inchcape has ready access to the US insurance market without having to commit any capital to it.

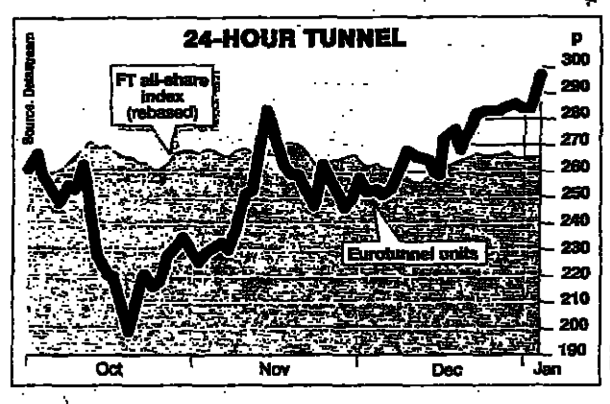
Eurotunnel

THE noises from Eurotunnel have become increasingly optimistic recently. Yesterday's announcement that the company has introduced a 24-hour car transport service and shipped 82,000 cars by the end of December was the most positive so far.

The chattering classes are travelling on Eurostar and Le Shuttle and telling their friends how good it is. As a result, the company's shares have outperformed the market sharply in the past few weeks.

Behind this barrage of marketing and public relations however, Eurotunnel's finances are as uncertain as ever. Based on yesterday's business figures it looks unlikely that it turned over more than £20 million last year. This is well below the company's October forecast of revenues of £34 million, which was in turn far lower than the original £135 million forecast in the rights issue prospectus in May.

Since Eurotunnel is paying £2 million a day in interest, such revenue is completely inadequate. Even with 24-hour operation and higher summer fares, the company will struggle to meet its £525 million revenue projection for 1995. Meanwhile, it continues to draw heavily on the cash from last year's rights issue. Unless revenues improve sharply this summer, Eurotunnel could be faced with another funding shortage. It will have to punch a great many more tickets to avoid such an embarrassment.



Pentex Oil

JUST as the market was hoping for consolidation in the overcrowded oil exploration and production sector, the new year brings a flotation. Pentex is unusual in that it barely touches exploration. It has been almost entirely bank financed, and the management — wisely — has sought to minimise technical risk by acquiring producing assets in lower risk onshore fields. New wells and drilling techniques have enabled Pentex to make more money from 100-plus nodding donkeys in the East Midlands.

Pentex has ambitions to grow, and investors who buy now should expect a cash call, possibly before the year is out, to fund acquisitions in the North Sea. In spite of its small exploration exposure Pentex is not without risk: gearing is high which should maximise any boost to the oil price, but leaves the company vulnerable to a sharp fall.

A company geared to production rather than an equity play on unexplored fields should have a high pay-out ratio, but Pentex will not pay dividends until 1996. With no new shares available, the market will be thin and investors keen for a punt ought to wait for the first acquisition and any ensuing rights issue.

TJ Hughes

READING trading statements is like eating chocolates with the wrappers on. You get a vague idea of the flavour but none of the satisfaction of knowing exactly what you are chewing on.

Nevertheless, the City is about to be showered with trading statements from all the main retailers about how they fared over Christmas. TJ Hughes, the small discount department store company, is one of the first to publish, with the intention no doubt that its good news should not be overshadowed by any of the larger groups which report in the next two weeks.

Hughes says pre-Christmas sales were ahead of expectations, but it would be useful to know what those expectations were. The most helpful comment is that figures for the year to January 31 will confirm market expectations, allowing the few City analysts who cover the company to confirm the forecast of a £1.9 million profit that they have in their spreadsheets. It was no doubt entirely coincidental that Hughes's managing director chose the same day for an upbeat trading statement to sell the bulk of his shares.

Unfortunately, Hughes's experience gives few clues about how the rest of the high street fared. As a discount retailer, it should always prosper when shoppers feel hard up. Barring any good surprises from the larger retailers, Christmas 1994 still seems a time of little cheer in the shopping centres.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	986-985	May	1030 BID
May	986-985	Jul	1055-1042
Jul	995-994	Sep	1065-1054
Sep	1004-1003	Dec	1069-1040
Dec	1016-1014		
Mar	1028-1027	Volume:	9032

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2715-2690	Sep	2725-2710
Mar	2760-2754	Nov	2730-2720
May	2725-2720	Jan	2730-2720
Jul	2715-2710	Volume:	2162

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	371.0-70.3
Spot: 418.00		Dec	364.5-62.0
Mar	425.5-25.0	Mar	361.5-57.0
May	419.5-19.3	May	360.5-55.0
Aug	402.0-01.8	Volume:	2020

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	81.12	119.01	119.89
(+/-)	-2.37	-3.85	-3.66
Eng/Wales:	81.22	118.97	118.74
(+/-)	-2.46	-4.96	-3.59
(%)	-5.0	+58.0	-40.0
Scotland:	80.08	119.36	125.25
(+/-)	-1.40	-0.23	-2.09
(%)	-3.0	-37.0	-6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.90	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.30	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.60	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.60	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 161 (-2)	O: 163 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	145 (-1)	147 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	148 (-1)	150 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	150 (n/c)	152 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (+1)	112 (+2)
Naphtha	160 (n/c)	161 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	144.75-45.00	Apr	150.25-50.50
Feb	147.75 SLR	May	150.50 SLR
Mar	149.50-49.75	Vol:	12783

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.27-16.28	May	16.33-16.36
Mar	16.29-16.30	Jun	unq
Apr	16.31-16.33	Vol:	32631

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	107.85	Jan	103.65
Mar	109.15	Mar	105.65
May	111.00	May	107.50
Jul	112.75	*Sep*	95.75
Sep	97.25	Nov	97.25
Volume:	507	Volume:	0

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	285.0	296.3
May	unq	305.5
Jun	unq	unq
	Volume:	23

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Feb 104.75-105.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2020	1985	2006
Feb 95	2025	2002	2008
Mar 95	2020	1985	2008
Apr 95	1940	1905	1930
Vol: 312 lots		Open interest:	3417

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(Official) (Volume prev day) LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2936.0-2937.0	2945.0-2946.0	1876200
Lead ($/tonne)	647.00-648.00	666.00-667.00	179200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1128.0-1129.0	1154.0-1155.0	634300
Tin ($/tonne)	5950.0-5955.0	6060.0-6070.0	25760
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1975.0-1976.0	1996.0-1997.0	1692550
Nickel ($/tonne)	8795.0-8800.0	8955.0-8960.0	79716

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	37½	51	59½	0	6½	11½
(*535)	550	3	21	30	16½	25½	33
ASDA	280	7	17½	23	4½	9	16
(*282½)	280	1	8½	13½	18	20½	28
ASDA	60	8	9	11	0	1½	3
(*67½)	70	1½	3½	5½	4	6	7½
Boots	460	39½	52	58½	0	5	11½
(*498½)	500	6½	26	33	8½	19	27½
Br Airways	360	8½	24½	32½	6	16½	25
(*361)	390	0½	12	19½	29	34½	42½
BP	420	9½	22	31	6	15½	22½
(*422½)	460	0½	7	15	37½	41½	46½
Br Steel	140	15½	20½	23½	0	2½	5
(*155)	160	2½	8½	12	6	10½	13
C & W	360	20	35½	43	2	12	18½
(*377)	390	3½	19	27½	15½	26	33½
CU	493	13½	25½	—	5	25	—
(*500)	543	1	8	—	43	60½	—
ICI	700	49½	62	72½	1	14½	24
(*747½)	750	11	29½	44½	12½	37½	47½
Kingfishr	420	25	40½	44½	1½	12	19½
(*441)	460	3	18	24	20½	31	40½
Land Sec	550	47	59	65½	0½	4½	11
(*595½)	600	6½	24½	32½	13	19½	32½
M & S	390	13	25½	33½	2½	10	15
(*399½)	420	2	11	18½	21	25	31½
Nat West	500	12	26½	39	8	30	34½
(*502½)	550	0½	9½	20	47½	64½	67½
Sainsbury	390	23	37	43½	1	8	16
(*411½)	420	4	19½	27	11½	29½	30
Shell	650	47½	57	63	0	8½	11½
(*696)	700	8	23	33	9½	29½	32½
Smkl Bch	460	10	26	35½	8	21½	28½
(*462)	500	0½	11	19	38	47	52½
Storehse	200	14	20½	25	0½	5	8
(*213)	220	2	8½	14	8½	13½	17½
Trafalgar	70	6	9½	12	0½	3½	5
(*75)	80	1	5	7	5½	8½	10
Unilever	1150	20½	48	65½	12	39½	51½
(*1155½)	1200	3	26	43½	45½	71	81
Zeneca	850	29½	49½	64	5½	28½	38
(*872½)	900	5½	24½	40½	31½	56	69½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	390	15	27	33½	11½	18	24
(*399)	420	4	14½	21	33	36	41
Ladbroke	160	11½	16	21	3½	9½	11½
(*166½)	180	3	7½	12	15	21½	23
Utd Bisc	300	30	35	39	1½	8½	11½
(*326)	330	10	16½	22½	11	23	26

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	450	23½	36	—	1	8	—
(*471)	475	6½	20½	—	8½	18	—
Thames W	460	28	42	52	1	9	19
(*486)	500	3½	19	30	16½	26½	39½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	28	37½	41½	5	18	26
(*439)	460	7½	16½	23	25	40½	48
BTR	280	20	24½	31	3	11	14
(*294)	300	9	13½	21	11	21½	24½
Br Aero	409	28½	41½	—	9½	23	—
(*424)	448	10½	25	—	30½	45	—
Br Telcm	360	24½	35	42	3	7	13
(*380)	390	7	17½	25	15	19½	27
Cadbury	420	20½	27½	35	6	17½	20
(*431)	460	4	10½	17½	30	42½	44
Guinness	420	33	40½	46	1½	9	12½
(*447½)	460	8	17	24½	17	28	32
GEC	260	17½	25	29	2½	5	9½
(*273)	280	6	13½	18	10½	13½	19½
Hanson	220	19	23	26	1	4½	7½
(*236½)	240	6	11	15	7½	13	17
LASMO	140	9	14	17½	3	7	8
(*145)	160	1½	5½	8½	18	18½	19½
Lucas	180	20½	25	30½	1½	5½	8
(*198)	200	7½	13½	19½	8	13½	16½
Pilkingtn	160	7½	13	17	4½	7	10½
(*162)	180	1	5	8	18½	19½	22
Prudential	300	16	21	26½	6	16½	19
(*307)	330	4	8	13½	24½	35½	37
Redland	460	17	27½	33½	13½	32½	37½
(*460½)	500	3½	12½	18½	41	60½	64
R-Royce	160	19½	23	27	0½	4	6½
(*177)	180	6½	11½	16	7	12½	15
Tesco	240	11	18	20½	5½	12½	15½
(*244½)	260	3	8½	11½	17½	24	27
Vodafone	200	8	15	19½	6½	11	14
(*200)	217	2	—	—	18	—	—
Williams	300	19½	27	32	3	10½	12½
(*314½)	330	4	11½	16½	18	27	39

FT-SE INDEX (*3055)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	113½	74	42½	19½	8	2½
Feb	148	112	82	56	35½	22
Mar	169½	131½	101	75½	53½	37½
Apr	181	152	123½	99½	79	61
Jun	—	182½	—	128½	—	85
Puts						
Jan	11	21	41½	71	111	157
Feb	33½	48½	69½	95½	127	165½
Mar	53½	70	89½	115	144	179½
Apr	69	90	110	136½	166½	198½
Jun	—	110½	—	158	—	215½

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	23½	30	38	15½	21½	27
(*430½)	460	6	14	20½	42	46½	50
Amstrad	125	13	17	—	3½	6½	—
(*134)	150	2½	6	—	18½	20½	—
Barclays	600	33½	44½	54½	21½	31	39
(*610)	650	11½	23	33	53	61	68
Blue Circ	260	25	30	35	5	12	16½
(*272)	280	13	19	24½	13	22	2½
Br Gas	300	22	29	31½	5	12	14½
(*313½)	330	6½	12½	17	20	28	31
Dixons	180	13	19½	23	7	10½	15½
(*186½)	200	5	10½	14	18½	21½	27
Forte	220	22½	27	30	3	8	10
(*237½)	240	9½	15	19	10½	17	19
Hillsdwn	160	21	24	25	1	5	7
(*178)	180	7½	11½	13½	7½	14½	17
Lonrho	140	17	22½	24	2½	5½	8
(*154½)	160	6	12	14	11½	15	17½
Sears	100	12½	15	15½	1	3½	4
(*109½)	110	6	9	9½	4½	7½	4
Thrn Eml	1000	56	85	94½	14	23½	39
(*1033)	1050	29½	56	65	35½	45	62½
Tomkins	200	18½	29½	28½	3	7	10½
(*214½)	220	7½	14½	17½	12	15½	20½
TSB	220	21½	24½	31	6	9	13
(*236)	240	10	14½	21	16	19	23
Wellcome	650	58½	73½	87	19½	30	40
(*697½)	700	31	47½	61½	42½	54	64

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	650	24½	45½	63½	6	29	37½
(*667)	700	3	22½	40½	35	57	65
HSBC	650	43½	63	75	1½	24	33½
(*689½)	700	11	34½	49	18½	49½	59
Reuter	420	41	49½	58½	0	8	15
(*459½)	460	10	24½	35½	8	23½	26½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Jul	Puts Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	280	13½	20	25½	9	18½	21
(*281)	310	5½	12	17½	21½	31	33

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	100	14	16½	20	4	7	8
(*108)	110	8½	12	15½	8	11½	13

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	750	38½	64½	79½	16	30	46
(*778)	800	14½	40	54	42½	56	72½

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	38	50	59½	7½	17	22½
(*484)	500	15½	28	35	25½	37	42½
Scot Pwr	330	19½	31½	37	13	19	26½
(*339½)	360	7	18½	23½	30½	36	43½

January 4, 1995 Tot: 31464 Call: 20600 Put: 10864 FT-SE Call: 8130 Put: 3576

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3089.0	3097.0	3053.0	3063.0	10226
Previous open interest: 59631	Jun 95				3075.5	0
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3510.0	3510.0	3510.0	3500.0	15
Previous open interest: 3965	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.61	92.66	92.60	92.63	23576
Previous open interest: 396273	Jun 95	91.81	91.90	91.81	91.88	12759
	Sep 95	91.28	91.36	91.27	91.34	10271
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95	92.82	92.83	92.82	92.84	217
Previous open interest: 2276	Jun 95				92.10	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.44	94.49	94.44	94.45	42515
Previous open interest: 657746	Jun 95	94.04	94.09	94.03	94.04	30618
Long Gilt	Mar 95	100-11	100-26	100-07	100-24	39868
Previous open interest: 96752	Jun 95				99-24	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	107.71	107.71	107.53	107.55	2521
	Jun 95				106.85	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	88.81	88.94	88.66	88.74	69154
Previous open interest: 169565	Jun 95	88.20	88.20	88.20	88.14	28
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.28	93.31	93.23	93.26	1689
Previous open interest: 19507	Jun 95	92.87	92.85	92.75	92.79	667
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.57	95.58	95.50	95.51	6171
Previous open interest: 31850	Jun 95	95.24	95.25	95.20	95.21	2217
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	99.05	99.53	98.81	99.86	22595
Previous open interest: 43469	Jun 95				98.36	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6; 3 mth 6⅛

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5½-5¾	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜	
Sterling Money Rates	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7	8-7½
Interbank	6½-6	6½-6⅛	6½-6½	7¼-7⅛	8-7½

Overnight: open 6, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	6	n/a	6½	7½	7½
Sterling CDs	6-5¾	6½-6¼	6½-6⅛	7½-7	7½-7½
Dollar CDs	5.83-5.80	n/a	6.36-6.33	6.89-6.86	7.68-7.65
Building Society CDs	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6½-6⅛	7½-7½	7½-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1995 Scheme III: 7.39 %. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.107 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5¼	5½-5½	6½-6¼	7-6¾	5½-5½
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5½-4¾	5½-5½	5½-5½	5½-4½
French Franc:	5½-5¼	5½-5½	6½-5½	6½-6½	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3½-3½	3½-3½	4½-4	4½-4½	4½-3½
Yen:	2½-2	2½-2½	2½-2½	2½-2½	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $375.50-375.20 **Close:** $375.30-375.60 **High:** $380.80-381.30 **Low:** $374.45-374.95 **AM:** $378.25 **PM:** $375.60

Krugerrand: $375.00-377.00 (£240.00-242.00)

Platinum: $405.75 (£259.80) **Silver:** $4.69 (£3.015) **Palladium:** $155.25 (£99.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7240-2.7307	2.7273-2.7307	¼-⅛pr	1-¾pr
Brussels	49.99-50.18	50.07-50.18	6-2pr	19-11pr
Copenhagen	9.5510-9.5790	9.5640-9.5790	¼-½pr	1¼-¾pr
Dublin	1.0100-1.0135	1.0105-1.0132	3pr-par	2pr-2ds
Frankfurt	2.4320-2.4377	2.4345-2.4377	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr
Lisbon	249.42-250.56	249.93-250.56	57-91ds	195-278ds
Madrid	206.37-207.52	207.20-207.52	31-40ds	99-119ds
Milan	2535.20-2540.20	2535.20-2538.70	4-6ds	13-16ds
Montreal	2.1882-2.1961	2.1882-2.1913	0.06pr-par	0.01-0.12ds
New York	1.5600-1.5616	1.5606-1.5616	0.03-0.02pr	0.05-0.01pr
Oslo	10.6060-10.6350	10.6190-10.6350	1¼-½pr	2½-1½pr
Paris	8.3790-8.4000	8.3860-8.4000	¼-½pr	1¼-½pr
Stockholm	11.6130-11.6800	11.6260-11.6500	1-1¼ds	3½-5½ds
Tokyo	157.87-158.40	158.13-158.40	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	17.10-17.15	17.10-17.14	1½-½pr	6½-4½pr
Zurich	2.0484-2.0567	2.0484-2.0514	¼-½pr	1½-1pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3046-1.3054
Austria	10.96-10.97
Belgium (Com)	32.04-32.07
Canada	1.4060-1.4065
Denmark	6.1270-6.1300
France	5.3752-5.3762
Germany	1.5595-1.5600
Hong Kong	7.7406-7.7411
Ireland	1.5422-1.5437
Italy	1625.95-1626.74
Japan	101.35-101.40
Malaysia	2.5528-2.5538
Netherlands	1.7468-1.7473
Norway	6.8010-6.8040
Portugal	160.00-160.10
Singapore	1.4540-1.4550
Spain	132.41-132.46
Sweden	7.4583-7.4658
Switzerland	1.3150-1.3160

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5580-1.5607
Australia dollar	2.0359-2.0385
Bahrain dinar	0.5820-0.5940
Brazil real*	1.3145-1.3185
Cyprus pound	0.739-0.748
Finland markka	7.3550-7.4710
Greece drachma	374.50-381.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.0792-12.0877
India rupee	48.48-49.44
Kuwait dinar KD	0.463-0.473
Malaysia ringgit	3.9832-3.9873
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4433-2.4479
Pakistan rupee	47.50 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7900-5.9160
Singapore dollar	2.2694-2.2717
S Africa rand (fin)	6.2994-6.3348
S Africa rand (com)	5.5492-5.5560
U A E dirham	5.670-5.794

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	161	Legal & Gn	791
ASDA Gp	11,000	Lloyds Bk	1,800
Abbey Natl	1,800	MEPC	116
Alld Dom	1,300	Marks Spr	2,500
Argyll Gp	2,900	NatWst Bk	2,800
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Nat Power	898
AB Foods	576	Nth Wst W	263
BAA	1,700	P & O	1,600
BAT Inds	6,900	Pearson	640
BOC	1,300	PowerGen	307
BP	4,200	Prudential	5,200
BTR	4,300	RMC	88
BT	6,300	RTZ	1,700
Bk of Scot	941	Rank Org	1,300
Barclays	3,800	Reckitt Col	1,500
Bass	1,100	Redland	207
Blue Circle	414	Reed Intl	1,100
Boots	544	Rentokil	880
Bowater	740	Reuters	833
Brit Aero	563	Rolls Royce	11,000
Brit Airwys	1,200	Ryl Ins	938
Brit Gas	7,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800
Brit Steel	3,300	Sainsbury	1,500
Burmah Cstl	967	Schroders	3
Cable Wire	4,300	Scot & New	615
Cadbury	1,500	Scot Power	2,200
Caradon	1,600	Sears	3,700
Carlton Cms	1,000	Svrn Trent	1,600
Cm Union	554	Shell Trans	3,200
Courtaulds	598	Siebe	493
De La Rue	404	SmKl Bch	3,300
Eastern Elec	797	Smith Nph	3,300
Enterpr Oil	722	Sthern Elec	482
Forte	2,900	Std Chartd	2,900
GKN	305	Sun Allnce	1,400
GRE	1,700	TI Gp	813
GUS	942	TSB	2,000
Gen Acc	277	Tesco	2,200
Gen Elec	2,000	Thames W	1,200
Glaxo	2,300	Thrn EMI	376
Granada	917	Tomkins	4,000
Grand Met	2,600	Unilever	1,400
Guinness	2,100	Utd Bisc	4,100
HSBC	2,000	Vodafone	13,000
Hanson	10,000	Warburg (SG)	691
ICI	795	Wellcome	683
Inchcape	973	Whitbread	341
Kingfisher	1,800	Wlms Hld	4,100
Ladbroke	2,000	Wolseley	366
Land Secs	618	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

	Jan 4 midday	Jan 3 close
AMP Inc	71½	71½
AMR Corp	54½	54½
AT & T	49½	50
Abbott Labs	32½	32½
Advanced Micro	25½	25½
Aetna Life	47½	47½
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16½
Air Prod & Chem	44½	45
Albertson's	28½	28½
Alcan Alumnm	25½	25½
Alco Standard	62½	62½
Allied Signal	33½	34
Alum Co of Am	85½	85½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	44½	44½
Amer Brands	37½	37½
Amer El Power	33½	32½
Amer Express	29½	29½
Amer Genl Corp	28½	28½
Amer Home Pr	63½	64
Amer Intl	97½	98½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	40	40½
Amoco	59½	59½
Anheuser-Busch	50½	51
Apple Computer	38½	38½
Archer Daniels	20½	20½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrong Wrld	38½	38½
Asarco	28½	28½
Ashland Oil	34½	34½
Atl Richfield	102½	102½
Auto Data Pro	58½	58½
Avery Dennison	34½	34½
Avon Products	60	60½
Baker Hughes	18½	18
Baltim Gas & El	22½	22½
Banc One	26½	25½
BankAmerica	40½	40½
Bank of NY	29½	29½
Bankers Tr NY	57½	57½
Barnett Banks	39	39½
Bausch & Lomb	34½	34½
Baxter Intl	28	28½
Bectn Dicknsn	48½	48½
Bell Atlantic	49½	50½
BellSouth	53½	54½
Black & Decker	23½	23½
Block (H&R)	36½	38½
Boeing	46½	46½
Boise Cascade	27	27
Borden Inc	12½	12½
Bristol Myrs Sq	58½	58½
Browning Ferris	27½	27½
Brunswick	18½	18½
Burlington Nthn	48½	48½
CBS	58	56½
CNA Financial	65	65½
CPC Intl	53½	53½
CSX	71½	70½
Campbell Soup	44½	44½
Can Pacific	14½	14½
Cpl Cities ABC	85½	85½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	54½	55
Central & SW	22½	22½
Champion Intl	37	36½
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	36½	36½
Chevron Corp	44½	44½
Chrysler	50	49
Chubb Corp	76½	76½
Cigna Corp	62½	63½
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	58½	58½
Coastal Corp	25½	25½
Coca Cola	51½	51½
Colgate-Palmolive	62½	62½
Columbia Gas	24½	23½
Compaq Comp	38½	39½
Comp Ass Intl	47½	47½
Conagra	30½	30½
Cons Edison	25½	25½
Cons Nat Gas	35½	36½
Cons Rail	52½	52
Cooper Inds	34½	35
Corning Inc	29½	29½
Crown Cork	38½	38½
Dana Corp	23½	23½
Dayton Hudson	70½	70
Deere	65½	66½
Delta Air Lines	50½	51½
Deluxe Corp	26½	26½
Detroit Edison	26½	26½
Digital Equip	33	32½
Dillard Dept St	29	29½
Disney (Walt)	46½	46½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donnelley (RR)	29½	29½
Dover Corp	53	52½
Dow Chemical	67½	66½
Dow Jones	31½	31½
Dresser	19½	19
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	54½	54½
Du Pont	55½	55½
Eastman Kodak	48	48½
Eaton Corp	48½	49
Emerson Elec	61½	62½
Engelhard Corp	22½	23

	Jan 4 midday	Jan 3 close
Enron Corp	30½	30½
Entergy	22½	22½
Ethyl Corp	9½	9½
Exxon	60½	60½
FMC Corp	57½	58
FPL Group	34½	35
Federal Express	59½	60½
Fed Nat Mtge	73½	72½
First Chicago	46½	47½
First Interstate	68½	68½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Fnl Grp	32½	32½
Fluor Corp	44	43½
Ford Motor	28½	27½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	52½	52½
Gap Inc Del	30½	30½
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	51	51
Gen Mills	56½	57
Gen Motors	42½	41½
Gen Reinsurance	122½	123½
Gen Signal	31½	32½
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	72½	72½
Gillette	74	74½
Glaxo ADR	20½	20½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	43½
Goodyear Tire	34½	33½
Grace (WR)	39	39½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	18½	18½
Great Wstn Fin	16½	16
Halliburton	33½	33½
Harcourt General	34½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	37
Hercules	114½	115½
Hershey Foods	49½	49½
Hewlett Packard	98½	98½
Hilton Hotels	66½	67½
Home Depot	45½	45½
Homestake Mng	16	16½
Honeywell	31½	31½
Household Intl	37½	37½
Houston Inds	35½	35½
Humana	22½	22½
ITT Corp	87	87½
Illinois Tool	42½	43½
Illinova	21½	21½
INCO	28	28½
Ingersoll Rand	31½	31½
Inland Steel	34½	34½
Intel Corp	63½	63½
IBM	73½	73½
Intl Flav & Fr	45½	46½
Intl Paper	74½	75½
James River Va	20½	20½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54½	54½
Kellogg	58	58½
Kerr-McGee	46½	46½
Kimberly-Clark	51	51½
Kmart	13½	13½
Knight-Ridder	51½	51½
Lilly (Eli)	64½	65½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
Lin Brdcstng	131½	133½
Lincoln Nat	35½	35½
Litton	36½	36½
Liz Claiborne	17½	17½
Lockheed	72½	72½
Louisiana Pac	28½	28½
MCI Comm	18½	18½
Marriott Int	27½	28½
Marsh & McLen	78½	79½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	33½	33½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McDonalds	29	29½
McDonnell D	47½	142½
McGraw Hill	66½	66½
Mead Corp	49	49½
Medtronic	53½	53½
Mellon Bk	31½	31½
Melville Corp	31½	31½
Merck Inc	38	38½
Merrill Lynch	35½	35½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	84½	84½
Monsanto	69½	70
Morgan (JP)	56½	56½
Motorola Inc	56	57
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	18½	19½
Natl Service Ind	25	25½
Navistar Int	15½	16
NBD Bancorp	27½	27½
NY Times A	21½	22
Newmont Mng	39½	39½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	72½	72
NL Industries	12	12½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	41½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	61½	61½
Nthn State Pwr	44½	44½
Norwest Corp	23½	23½
Nynex Corp	38½	37
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	19	18½
Oracle Systems	42½	42½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

	Jan 4 midday	Jan 3 close
Owens Corning	31½	31½
PNC Financial	22	21½
PPG Industries	37½	37½
Paccar Inc	44	44½
PacifiCorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	28½	28½
Pall Corp	18½	19
Panhandle East	19½	20
Parker Hannifin	44½	45½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	43½	44½
Pennzoil	44	44½
Pepsico	35½	36
Pfizer	75½	76½
Phelps Dodge	60	60½
Philip Morris	58½	57½
Phillips Pet	32½	32½
Pitney Bowes	32	31½
Polaroid	32½	33½
PriceCostco	12½	12½
Procter & Gmbl	61½	62½
Providian	32	31½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	31½	32½
Ralston Purina	44	44½
Raychem Corp	35½	35½
Raytheon	63½	63½
Reebok Intl	39	38½
Reynolds Metals	49½	49½
Roadway Srvcs	56½	56½
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	56	56½
Royal Dutch	107½	108½
Rubbermaid	28½	28½
Safeco Corp	51½	51½
St Paul's Cos	43½	44½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	17½	17½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Scecorp	14½	14½
Schering Plough	72½	73½
Schlumberger	51½	51½
Scott Paper	68½	68½
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	47½	47½
Shell Trans	64½	65
Sherwin Wlms	32½	33
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	34	33½
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	39½	40½
Sprint Corp	28½	27½
Stanley Works	36	36
Sun Company	28½	29½
Sun Microsys	34½	33½
Suntrust	47½	48½
Supervalu	24½	24
Sysco Corp	25½	26
TRW Inc	65	65½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17½	17½
Tandy Corp	51½	50½
Teledyne	20½	20½
Temple Inland	45½	46½
Tenneco	42½	42½
Texaco	60½	60½
Texas Inst	72½	73½
Texas Utilities	32½	32½
Textron	49½	49½
Time Warner	35	35½
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	34½	34½
Torchmark	34½	34½
Toys R Us	30½	30½
Transamerica	50½	50
Travelers	33½	33
Tribune	54½	54½
Tyco Labs	47	47½
UST Inc	28½	28
UAL	89	89½
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	24½	24½
Unilever NV	115½	116½
Union Camp	48½	48½
Union Carbide	28½	28
Union Pacific	46½	46½
Unisys Corp	8½	8½
USAIR Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	34	34½
US West	35½	35½
United Tech	62½	62½
Unocal Corp	27½	27½
Upjohn	30½	31½
VF Corp	49½	49½
WMX Tech	25½	26½
Wal-Mart Stores	20½	20½
Warner-Lambert	76½	76½
Wells Fargo	146½	146½
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	38½	38½
Whirlpool	49½	50½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	52½	52½
Woolworth	16	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	48½	48½
Xerox	97½	97
Yellow Corp	22½	23½

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Reaching the parts

IF, FOR one idle moment, you ever thought HM Treasury is tight with the purse strings, then pity poor Hercules, who stands in the gardens of the British Geological Survey in Nottingham, and in whom, in 1883, the Lords Commissioners took a particular interest — and all because of a bill for £7 7s 0d. The statue, commissioned for the Great Exhibition of 1851, and installed in the Museum of Practical Geology in London that year, cost £170 17s 0d. Hercules, fashioned from a single 15-ton block, was acclaimed as a fine example of the suitability of Jurassic Portland stone. But Lady Geikie, the then curator's wife, did not applaud. She deemed Hercules' nudity so offensively obtrusive that stonemasons were ordered in to remodel him. Their bill was £7 7s 0d, and the Treasury balked. History records that Hercules' offending parts, sawn off with such skill that they could at any time be replaced, were preserved in a velvet-lined mahogany box which over the next 90 years was faithfully handed down from curator to curator. In 1977, it was decided Hercules should be restored. The 1977 restoration cost £223 — and if the Treasury had not interfered with him in the first place, the Government's coffers would today be a lot fatter than they are.

Hercules restored

On the up

TO PROVE you don't have to be elderly, or Japanese, to do well at Nikko Europe, the Japanese broker has elevated a fourth local man. Philip Brown is made joint managing director of Nikko Europe's capital markets and is the youngest locally appointed md in the past 12 months. When he joined Nikko, he was 23. Even now, he is only 33.

Down and win

AND to prove you don't have to be young to succeed, George Stevens, chairman of Brockbank Group, a Lloyd's of London agency, has won the Sir Roger Gibbs cup in a Cresta run race at St Moritz — at 62!

YET more suggestions for a new name for British Invisibles: Conceptual Commodities and Ne Plus Ultra. Keep them coming.

Fighting back

LORD and Lady Mishcon, recovering from their Christmas burglary ordeal, will no doubt sympathise with Tom Wilmot, former head of Harvard Securities, who was accosted in his car in London's Kings Road over the festivities by two men who tried to steal his gold Rolex. Wilmot, a healthy 17 stone, fought them off with the aid of three bystanders, and wants to pass on his thanks. The miscreants spent Christmas residing at Her Majesty's pleasure.

LATEST status symbol in Japan is a suntanned left arm. Young Japanese see it as a sign that the owner drives a foreign-made left-hand drive car.

COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Symbolic pay debate focuses minds on scourge of poverty

Underpaid work is not a long-term solution to unemployment in the UK

Almost everything has changed in farming, but the industry still favours a statutory minimum wage

Poverty is the scourge of the British economy. Greater numbers of genuinely poor people, rather than general economic failure, probably explain why income per head in Britain has fallen behind that in most West European countries. Poverty has become the main generator of the secular rise in public spending and taxation. Incomes far below *the average do not, of themselves*, breed crime and other costly social problems. But when the joys of consumer affluence are bombarded ever faster into our living rooms, poor people need to be ever more virtuous if that is to be avoided.

This central economic issue is scarcely disputed. Possible solutions could hardly be further apart. None will be more controversial, or more symbolic, in the coming electoral debate than Labour's commitment to introduce a national minimum wage. At its heart are two simple arguments. The more people who earn wages capable of keeping them at a decent standard, the healthier the economy will be. Yet any rise in the cost of labour is likely to reduce the potential demand, and unemployment is still the biggest cause of family poverty.

Perhaps the best test of a minimum wage, if it could be made in advance, would be *whether it cuts or raises public spending*. Big savings are made whenever anyone is transferred from the ranks of the unemployed to paid work. But if the cost of that is a general fall in the rate of pay at the bottom of the scale, so that many more people claim a series of other top-up benefits, *net public spending may rise*. This can happen, for instance, when one relatively well-paid job is effectively split into two part-time jobs, a strong trend in retail and other trades. Each part-time job generates a lower weekly income and generally carries much lower hourly pay rates.

Government policy concentrates on job creation and on improving incentives to leave the dole queue. That was the case for abolishing Wages Councils, which set minimum pay for most traditional low-paid trades. It is also the thinking behind better income supplements for families with low pay, and even the job subsidies for single people mooted in the November Budget. But many employers have learnt how to exploit the incentives in the social security system too. As a result, more and more jobs are being subsidised by taxpayers.

Abolishing Wages Councils has not proved an obvious *boon. Some appallingly low* wages have fallen further. There is little evidence of full-time jobs being created as a direct result in most areas covered, though many were already in decline. Many employers are less enthusiastic about abolishing the minimum than ministers assumed.

Employers in the knitwear industry negotiated a voluntary national minimum four years ago. Just before Christmas, it was raised 3.25 per cent to a princely £3 an hour. As the union negotiator noted, it does not seem to have caused employers great problems or to have accelerated job losses, as employers originally feared. Knitwear and hosiery are heavily exposed to imports from cheap-labour countries.

Less surprising, given the greater degree of trade protection, farmers have just opted *to keep the last remaining* statutory industry pay-setting body. To the Ministry of Agriculture's embarrassment, it received only ten letters supporting abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board, but 3,500 against. In June, the board raised minimum weekly pay for 180,000 people by 4.9 per cent to £135. On a standard 40-hour week (admittedly not something familiar to farm workers) that would equate to about £3.63 an hour.

One of the most alarming employer studies was conducted four years ago for the British Hospitality Association, whose members employ more than two million people. Using a hypothetical minimum wage of £3.40 an hour, a figure favoured by trade unions at that time, it found that more than half employers would expect to cut jobs. The basis for this, like all dire warnings of massive job losses, is that a minimum wage would jack up the whole *pay structure to maintain differentials*. Raising pay for those directly affected would have added 6 per cent to pay bills, but the knock-on effects for other grades would multiply this sixfold.

Since then, average earnings in the service industries have risen about 11 per cent. So a £3.40 minimum would presumably have little or no effect now, save where the lowest rates had shrunk even further below the average. This illustrates the most critical, but neglected area of the *minimum* wage debate: where would the minimum be set, and for what purpose?

America, academy for government employment policy,

> More and more jobs are being subsidised by taxpayers

has a minimum. But it has fallen so low in real terms that it does little for good or ill. The majority of continental countries favour 60 per cent or more of median earnings but many minimum wages are not uniform. Most are contractual, not statutory, and may not, be effective in some of the most sensitive areas.

At one extreme, the Council of Europe "decency threshold", 68 per cent of average earnings, would imply a minimum £5.75 an hour in Britain. That would raise pay rates for nine million workers, before their jobs disappeared, and is clearly aimed at income redistribution. At the opposite extreme, the Liberal Democrats are thinking of a regionally variable minimum of about £3 *an hour. That might help one* million but mainly safeguard against the worst existing exploitation and further cuts in rates at the bottom end.

The Low Pay Unit, which has campaigned long for a minimum, favours a slightly more modest two thirds of median male earnings, currently about £5.42. But it admits that would be disruptive and would settle for an initial half, worth just over £4 an hour. It reckons hourly rates would rise for four million, over 70 per cent of them women. That is what Labour had in mind before it shied away from a figure.

Surprising support came from a survey last month of 500 company finance directors and controllers, mainly in manufacturing, by the Chartered Association of Management Accountants. A third of *the sample actually supported* a minimum wage as high as £4.50. Two thirds would not expect to reduce staff numbers as a result and only a quarter thought they would need to raise prices. But most employers pay decent wages.

Labour was wise to back away from a crowd-pleasing figure. Any national minimum must reflect reality at the competitive margin, rather than aspiration. It is absurd to suppose that everyone could find a job if wages were allowed to find their own floor. In the days of slavery, people were thrown off American plantations during price slumps because their output was not worth their subsistence. It is equally absurd to think that the living standards of many millions can be raised at a stroke by government fiat.

A rate of £4 an hour would surely cost jobs in knitting and hosiery. Many service industries facing minimal foreign competition could, however, *afford to pay better* wages than they do if they knew that all the other firms in their industry were paying the same. If Japanese consumers pay more money, and therefore pay more respect, for menial services, then the British could learn to do so.

A low national minimum wage should have little cost and some benefit. But the effect would be limited. It would help the most exploited and guard against a downward spiral at the bottom of the labour market. The impact on public spending might be maximised if a somewhat higher hourly minimum were set for part-time jobs.

If the effects were so limited, however, would they justify market distortions? As others have discovered, a uniform minimum for all workers can hit the young. Correcting that *brings other distortions. And* in the areas where a minimum would matter, the "black economy" would grow.

The main case for a national minimum may be symbolic. It would reject the Gradgrind notion that poverty in work is the answer to unemployment. There is no long-term future for Britain on that road.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Where to beware of the thin ice

The winter holiday is the traditional season for spooky stories: they enliven those long evenings round the fire. The stock market, currently in hibernation, needs distraction too; and this year's spook is a possible Wall Street crash.

Why should the market crash in a booming economy, with a Congress much to its liking? Because the economy is booming and inflation is rising; the Fed will put a stop to that. Or because inflation is low, and margins are squeezed. Or because personal investors, who stampeded into mutual funds when returns on savings accounts were low, will now want to switch back. Or because institutional investors, still nursing debts of nearly $200 billion to support their bond holdings, will be forced to liquidate — continuing 1994's story.

None of these scenarios is wholly implausible, and a crash would be nerve-racking everywhere. Mexico *is already in crisis because* American lost interest; and since the US is currently the great exporter of (borrowed) capital, all other emerging markets are under the same threat. The London market would fall in sympathy.

There would be a severe blow to confidence in Tokyo — if you can give such a name to successful official price rigging, known in the inimitable Japanese jargon as the Price Keeping Operation, or PKO for short. Even the Post Office Fund, the main agent of the PKO, might be overwhelmed by a stampede. The City is right, then, to be wary; but frightened is another matter.

To start with the most plausible worry: is the US economy overheating? There is no question that it is strong; and while corporate leaders expect a slowdown in 1995, few of them seem to think that this will affect their own business. This *could be a sinister pattern.* I encountered it myself in 1987, at a meeting of American business economists. A huge majority of them expected a recession, and some believed it has already started; but they were bullish about the prospects for their own employers. It turned out that they knew more about their own companies but wrong about the economy, which went on growing. All the same, the stock market crashed only six weeks later.

History does not repeat itself, though. The economic circumstances may look like 1987, but the market situation is different. That of 1987 was a correction at the end of a tremendous bull *run*; but Wall Street has been drifting sideways for more than a year this time. The speculative buying that ends in tears is lacking in Wall Street this time — though not, be warned, in those emerging markets that have not already gone over the edge. The mutual funds could be a source of weakness, but this would be almost a first time: small investors have stronger nerves than the professionals. Maybe this time will be different, because the rush into the mutuals was on an unprecedented scale; but I would still bet against it. *Will the Fed be the party* pooper? History again says "no".

Policy was tightened unusually this time, and has checked monetary base growth. Fed tightening usually stops well before an actual recession. Some of the indicators that suggest a further squeeze are lagging ones: high durable goods sales are the natural echo of the high house sales of last year. Input price increases have been sharp, but mainly because so many prices were previously so depressed. And mortgage rates, which depress spending, will go on rising for up to two years even if there is no further rise in Fed-run market rates. Alan Greenspan will be better aware of this than his critics.

The profit story is much the same. Slower profit growth is in all the forecasts: that was why we have not *had a bull run. And not all* profits are squeezed: yes, severely, in retailing, healthcare, and other well-known problem areas. But look to steel or chemicals, to name but two, for new highs. Another year of nervous drift: highly probable. But not 1987 all over again.

THE TIMES

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Today is day ten of *The Times* Millennium 2000, which offers readers the opportunity to spend New Year's Eve 1999 crossing the International Date Line to both Fiji and the Cook Islands to see in the new millennium twice. First prize is a 28 day world air cruise for two culminating in New Year 1999 in Fiji and the Cook Islands to join in the festivities. The trip takes in Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Tucson, Washington and Sydney. It includes helicopter sightseeing over the Fiji Islands and hot-air ballooning over the Arizona desert, and would cost £64,000 to book in 1999.

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Should you be unsuccessful in the competition, you can still take part in the festivities by booking the Fiji *and Cook Islands trip separately or taking advantage* of our selection of deluxe party venues round the world.

The parties are the brainchild of The Millennial Foundation, a non profit-making charity which is organising fundraising parties to help specific local charities across the world. In St Petersburg, for instance, the money will help restore the Hermitage gallery and fund the Kirov Ballet.

You could, for example, celebrate the dawn of the new millennium in New Orleans, a city famous for rhythm and creole cuisine. The party in the renovated Gallier Hall in the French quarter and your stay at the elegant St Louis Hotel would cost £3,250 per person in 1999, but readers can secure their places now for £2,250 each. Commencing December 28, 1999, the cost includes air travel and hotel accommodation and your ticket to the New Year's Eve gala party.

To enter the competition collect the 18 tokens and answer the 18 questions which are appearing between December 26 and Saturday January 14. Send the tokens and answers on a separate sheet of paper, stating in not more than 15 words why you would like to join in the celebrations, to: *The Times* Millennium 2000 Competition, 5 Brittons Court, London EC88 6NG. Closing date January 31, 1995. Normal *Times* competition rules apply.

Details of how to book the millennium gala parties, which appeared last week, will appear again on Saturday. Further information about the parties can be obtained by writing to: Millennium 2000 Ltd, Freepost GW 7623, Glasgow G3 7BR.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Most employers do not benefit from final salary schemes

From Mr Stuart Southall

Sir, In your columns today (Business Letters, December 29) Eric Bellenie and Hugh Long make similar points on the economics of final salary schemes, but reach different conclusions on Richard Beardshaw's analysis of the CBI survey (Business Letters, December 20).

The vast majority of employers certainly do not benefit from final salary schemes in the manner Mr Bellenie claims. Indeed, early retirements have been the single most important factor in reducing "surpluses" in many well publicised cases. A reduction of 4 per cent for each year of early retirement leaves most schemes with no profit and so is entirely equitable to the leaver. Many schemes do better, either as of right or on a discretionary basis.

As Mr Long suggests, an employer's true contribution to a final salary scheme is age-related: typically similar to the member's (of 5%) at age 30 but 2 to 3 times the employee's contribution at ages over 50. The same pension costs more for a 50-year-old than a 30-year-old, irrespective of how it is provided. Employers are aware of this economic truism. A wish to limit these higher future costs, should not be confused as an ungenerous treatment of rights already earned. These usually represent fair value and are often enhanced in final salary schemes.

Yours faithfully,
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Searching for too many answers

From Mrs Anne R. Bradford

Sir, Mr Belsey's cautionary letter, re will-drafting reminds me that, some years ago, I received a letter purporting to come from a graduate of the University of California, who had been given my name and address as one who might be willing to help in research he was conducting in the UK. He hoped I would be willing to complete a four-page (A4) *questionnaire* he was sending and return it to him in the s.a.e. he supplied, which was c/o a post box number at a Central London PO.

Among questions asked were: type and size of accommodation; number of occupants; were we conscious of noise from neighbouring properties (and presumably, conversely); had we travelled; hobbies; did we attend evening classes; how many nights a week we went out, etc, etc. I underlined all significant *questions and passed this* communication to our local police for investigation, but heard no more as to any outcome.

I did wonder, though, how many such letters were sent out, and how many recipients received a personal acknowledgement.

Yours faithfully,
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Nadir and legal impartiality

From Resat Caglar

Sir, Mr C. J. Barlow, joint administrator, Polly Peck International, claims in your issue of December 20 (letter, "Northern Cyprus, Nadir and the law") that "the smooth running of the administration has been consistently impeded by Mr Nadir who has bought well over 30 legal actions in various jurisdictions to hinder the administrators and directors of Polly Peck subsidiaries in carrying out their legal duties".

I do hope that the words "has bought" above is a mis*print for "has brought" and is* not a deliberate attempt to give the impression that the judiciary at the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Turkey lack impartiality, which is not true.

Yours faithfully,
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ACCOUNTANCY

UK leads the field in policing company internal controls

Paul Rutteman points out that American methods lag behind the reinvigorated Cadbury Code

The guidance issued to directors of listed companies on how to comply with the Cadbury Code's requirements on internal control appears unremarkable until you compare it with its US or Canadian counterparts.

You then begin to realise that, in this particularly sensitive area, the self-regulatory United Kingdom accounting profession appears to be moving faster and going farther than its more legalistic and regulatory American and continental cousins. The Cadbury Code is very much alive and is kicking again.

When it started in late 1992 the UK working group had the benefit of the 300-plus page "Internal control-integrated framework", published in the US in 1992 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (Coso), after a "five-year study involving hundreds of individuals, including corporate executives, legislators, regulators, consultants, auditors and academics". As it completed its work, which is more than 300 pages long, the group received an exposure draft issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (Cica) which is rather shorter, at 23 pages. In Australia, a parallel project is under way but initiatives in continental Europe seem to be still at the discussion stage.

Although the three published documents follow the framework established in the Coso document, the American and Canadian documents illustrate a much more tentative approach to the problems of internal control reporting than that about to be implemented in the UK.

Most importantly, all UK companies will be expected to report on the effectiveness of their internal financial control. In the US some willand in Canada a few will. This is because the proposals of the Treadway Commission and Cica are not nearly so authoritative for the business community as the code of best practice issued by the Cadbury Committee. The Coso document, while noting that the commission advocates publishing a report on effectiveness, does not present its follow-up suggestions as requirements for compliance but only as a toolkit for managements on how they might report. The Canadians have not dealt with the issue of public reporting at all but, perhaps recognising a future struggle, defer it to a "list of future priorities".

> **The specific requirement to identify major risks is crucially important**

Although it allows management to report for a period, the Coso document favours reporting as at a particular moment. Like an MoT certificate, such a report will presumably coincide with the completion of a review which has corrected any serious weaknesses found. The obligation to report and account for such weaknesses or any material effect they may have had on the shareholders' interest is therefore considerably less than under the UK guidance, which requires a report covering the complete acounting period.

The US approach is no doubt pragmatic but ignores the accountability normally associated with stewardship.

The UK definition of "internal financial control" covers, but the Coso definition does not cover, the reliability of management's own internal accounting system or compliance with internal policies.

The importance the working group attaches to covering management's internal information procedures is illustrated by recent corporate failures where boards appear to have missed warnings that should have been apparent from any well run management information system. Neither the US nor the Canadian guidance yet requires auditors to report on the directors' statement. While the Cadbury Code clearly expects such a report, it will be interesting to see how far the Auditing Practices Board will commit the auditing profession to reporting to shareholders on the directors' statement.

Despite a more litigious environment, Many American boards already appear to believe that the potential benefits of making a positive statement on internal control outweigh the costs. The Coso document notes that in 1992 nearly 60 per cent of the top 500 (Fortune 500) United States companies included a management report on some aspects of internal control in thir financial statements. Over all companies the ratio was about one in four. Recent research by one of the large accounting firms suggests that in 1993, 80 of the top 100 (Fortune 100) made such reports and that nearly half of those make some reference to effectiveness.

The Canadian experience is different and it is clear that Cica's guidance on public reporting will be presented as a second bite only once the framework is accepted.

The success of the UK guidance depends very much on the success of the Cadbury Code itself but investors in UK listed companies should meanwhile be pleased to note that Cadbury's original message stands and that this guidance gives it practical effect.

"All directors. . .whether or not they have executive responsibilities, have a monitoring role and are responsible for ensuring that the necessary controls over the activities of their companies are in place — and working."

Paul Rutteman is a partner with Ernst & Young and chairman of the working group on internal control.

Paul Rutteman believes the code is alive and kicking

Going the extra mile on Cadbury

AS FROM the beginning of this year company directors at last have to add internal control to the issues they cover in financial reporting to shareholders and the outside world. It has been a long haul to create rules that were both acceptable to finance directors and effective on behalf of shareholders. And it has not been an easy one.

It is hard at this distance to decide whether the Cadbury committee on financial aspects of corporate governance thought internal controls a simple task, or a poisoned chalice. But the committee must have been alarmed at the extraordinary opposition from company directors to what had seemed a simple concept. Rules for reporting on the effectiveness of a company's internal controls had, like the rules on a company's "going concern" status, been left by the committee for working parties from the accountancy profession to sort out. And in October 1993 we saw the first draft of rules. Peter Davis, who these days oversees the National Lottery, was on that working party. "I don't see there is any justification for a finance director to be angry about this document", he said at its launch. He was right. There was no justification.

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But that did not stop a tide of fury crashing over the working party's efforts. Unlike the draft rules themselves, there was little of substance in the fury. Most finance directors could only say that, at 70 pages, the draft was far to long for themselves and their fellow board members to cope with and the additional disclosure would cost too much. What they could not state was the real reason for their fury. If the rules went through unchanged, then they were going to have to report on how effective the company's internal controls were. In times of back-firing derivatives and uncertain trading conditions that could be very embarrassing indeed. As one senior member of the profession put it recently: "Disclosure is not a cost issue, it is a sticking-your-neck-out issue".

So at the end of last summer the working party produced a seven-page draft. The main issues were still addressed, though tactfully reworded, but the daft arguments over length were disarmed. And now, after yet another exposure period, we have the guidance in place and affecting accounting periods beginning on or after this January 1. The extraordinary thing is the nature of the responses which the working party received through last autumn. The 100 group of finance directors actually argued that the January 1 deadline was too close for finance directors to cope with. This, despite the fact that any finance director worth his or her salt would have been aware of the scope of the guidelines since October 1993. It makes you wonder how long it takes them to cope with more urgent issues, like declining revenues or a fall in the dollar.

More than half of the responses were unhappy about the "encouragement" that the 1994 draft urged for directors to state how effective the internal control systems were, as well as just saying they existed, which, after all, is no great corporate secret. This astonished the working party. Paul Rutteman, the Ernst & Young partner who headed it, was expecting disagreements over technical aspects. "But it was quite extraordinary", he said, "how the removal of the idea of encouragement became the key issue". In the end Sir Adrian Cadbury suggested some wording to placate both sides.

So the new rules, after describing how directors should state that they are responsible for internal control and that they have reviewed its effectiveness, carry a crucial line. "Directors may also wish to state their opinion on the effectiveness of the system of internal control," it reads. The foreword to the guidance then says that "such statements will be helpful as a means of working towards full implementation of this section of the [Cadbury] Code". In other words, any company that does not go the extra mile in fulfilling its responsibilities to shareholders will be judged accordingly.

But the problem is that managements and auditors are scared stiff. For example, how many companies have discovered they have lost a fortune overnight because they had ineffective systems for dealing with derivatives.

The now familiar bleat of "we thought we understood the products but. . .", is incompatible with a statement to shareholders that the company has systems in place to guard against such eventualities. Before it lost its shirt, Kidder, Peabody had no risk management group. But it didn't have to tell shareholders that. In the end the markets will insist that directors face up to their responsibilities over internal control.

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Oh dear, another huge dollop of auditing whitewash

Austin Mitchell says The Audit Agenda points safely to the past

After such triumphs as BCCI, Maxwell, Polly Peck, and other disasters, those of us with a naive belief in the public interest have assumed that the auditing industry would engage in a little serious self-reflection. Or even develop an Audit Consumer's Charter. Sadly it has apparently been too distracted by its campaign to get legal protection from the consequences of its own failures. So there has been no attempt to learn lessons. No attempt to put its house in order. Indeed, all we have is a rather huge dollop of whitewash in the form of the Audit Agenda.

The Audit Practices Board's pointer to new directions for audit points safely back to the past. The report makes no attempt to learn from audit failures, though it does offer a galaxy of new money-making scams for the industry: Chairman's Report, internal controls, new governance work; all sorts of sales opportunities with a chance of extra profits for work which should be done anyway.

It even demands more rights for auditors, though remaining totally silent on the industry's failure to provide "value for money", or any duty of care. Apparently it would be inhibiting to make auditors accountable in any way at all.

Audit failures occur mainly because of inadequate work. The auditors haven't done their job properly because of poor training, education by rote, lack of supervision, knowledge failures, conflicts of interest, lack of discipline, or the unreasonable pressures which result from cut-price audits used to get a foot in the door to sell other services.

These must lead to corner cutting, excessive strain, using untrained staff or shoddy workmanship. Yet none of this is recognised by the APB. Its paper is based upon the self interest of a selected few — the big firms. Rather than recognising the systematic nature of audit failures, the APB trivialises the issues. It deflects attention by painting failures as the result of individual incompetence.

An example is its suggestion that audit reports be signed by partners. What improvement will this bring in the quality of audits? The firms are appointed to conduct the audits. They certainly rake in the fees. They profit from the services they sell on the back of audits. So the firm has the final responsibility for all aspects of the audit. Signatures on the audit report can't absolve them from what is essentially the failure of a firm, its standards, its corporate controls.

Mitchell: independence

Rather than the trenchant inquiry into audit, its strengths and weaknesses which we need, the Audit Agenda is a smokescreen. It is emitted on behalf of the big firms by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW), which they dominate. Partners from major firms were consulted. Joe Public wasn't. Nor were there any discussions with representatives of bank depositors, pension scheme members, employees, or any of the stakeholders routinely hit by audit failures. There was no critical scrutiny of the status quo. Even the recommendations of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA), both opposed to the selling of non-auditing services to client companies, were ignored.

Academic research has shown that, contrary to the propaganda by the APB, companies can get non-auditing services cheaper when they purchase audit and non-auditing services from different companies. That evidence was submitted to the APB. It has been ignored because the APB is dominated by the major firms, and it is hardly going to oppose their money-making scams. Hence it supports a system which makes audit a market stall from which to sell other services.

There are many kinds of audit. Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, the Health and Safety Executive and other organisations do audits. In each case the watchdogs are independent of the management. They do not act for the finance, personnel or consultancy arms of their organisations. They are not hired and fired by the client company. The same should apply to financial auditors.

Business people worry about a possible visit from such independent watchdogs. I have yet to meet a director who has the same concerns about a visit from a Big Six audit team.

Audits are required by law. Yet directors have little incentive to get rigorous audits. Indeed, their salaries and bonuses are linked to published profits, so it is hardly surprising that company directors like the auditor to be "flexible". They need the imprimatur of an auditor, but at as low a cost as possible.

CIMA and CIPFA are absolutely right when they call for an independent regulator of auditing. That is now the only way to give auditors backbone, a court of appeal, and the backing to do their job well. The failures of auditing are the failures of its institutions, including the APB which is now applying the whitewash.

Austin Mitchell, is Labour MP for Great Grimsby

Teeing-off against auditors

STARTLING allegations pop up in his response to the McFarlane report on the future development of auditing by that famed critic of the profession, one Austin Mitchell, MP, who expands his view in the story above. Railing against auditors providing non-audit services, Mitchell says that "auditors provide all kinds of services to companies". And then proceeds to list them. He includes such notables as "printing T-shirts" and "laying golf courses". Presumably the latter is carried out by the famous firm of Mashie, Niblick & Co.

The Clots

NOW that the Institute of Taxation has become the Chartered Institute of Taxation, people are wondering what initials they should apply to it. Charters always provide problems. The certified accountants celebrated their charter by referring to themselves as CACA before realising that some overseas countries found that somewhat unpleasant. Now people are wondering if the IoT is going to be known as the CIoT. The problem, as one venerable member explained, was that it looks like the word clot.

Strong smoker

WITH the departure of veteran public relations stalwart, Margaret Strong, from the English ICA, a smokescreen has cleared. She is a heavy smoker, and the institute tightened its no smoking policy with the closure of its smoking room last October. Margaret, like so many in the City, had to resort to standing on the doorstep for a crafty drag. This creates problems. What we need is a competition for the finest polished brass ashtray affixed to City office entrances.

ONE unrepentant recent recruit to a large accounting firm found himself both arriving rather late to the office and also sharing the lift with the senior partner. With disdain, the senior partner looked at him. "Late again," he boomed. But the new recruit matched him. "Me too," he replied.

ROBERT BRUCE

Modest losses at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	368½	Abbey Ntl	430	+ ½	4.5	14.5
314	233	Allied Irish	270	+ 2	4.7	10.4
278½	171	Aus New Z	209	- 3	5.9	
3300	2462½	Bank America	2575	+ 43½		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	209½	+ 2½	3.2	11.8
640	487	Barclays	609	- 3	3.4	14.9
319	246	Bk of Ireland	300	+ 2	4.8	8.7
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2650			
385½	203	Close Bros	228		4.2	
£150¼	£121¼	Commerzbk	£133¾	- 121¼	6.2	
1296½	1056¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1193¾	- 12½	0.4	
£344¾	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£294¾	- 87½	2.3	
1315¼	787½	Espirito Santo	815¼	...	4.2	4.1
88	58¼	First Nat Fin	68		3.2	
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1386¼	- 19¼	0.4	
473	208	Hambros	240	+ 6	7.8	14.7
1113	680	HSBC	690	- 2	4.4	10.0
1133	664	HSBC HK	679	+ 1	4.5	9.8
443	400	Joseph (L)	408		5.4	11.9
693	474	Kleinwort Ben	553	+ 2	4.4	9.7
680	519	Lloyds	559	- 4	5.1	11.0
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	510	- 14	7.1	
622	421	Nat West	502	- 9	4.8	9.6
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150		6.8	
79	53	Rea Bros	66	+ 1	1.8	18.5
328	377½	Ryl Bk Scott	381	+ 1	4.4	9.5
1574	1650	Schroders	1460	+ 2	1.6	13.4
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1328	+ 4	1.7	12.2
114	75	Singer & Fried	86		4.6	11.1
356½	332	Stand Chart	276	- 1	2.9	9.5
291	187	TSB	236	+ ½	4.3	11.9
1012	569	Warburg SG	693	+ 2	4.0	12.7
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9381¼	+ 89½	2.8	
260	194	Westpac	213½	- ¼	2.8	
390	203	Whitrust	213		6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	170	- 1		
619	485	Bass	523	+ 7	5.0	13.2
299	248	Boddington	255	...	4.1	13.7
196	168	Burtonwd Brwy	176		3.6	14.7
187	142	Eldridge P 'A'	155	...	3.3	
66	46¼	Fosters Brewing	57	- 2	5.2	
493	342	Fuller Sm 'A'	344	...	2.9	14.2
511	398	Greenalls Grp	422	...	3.9	20.9
584	452	Greene King	524	- 1	3.1	14.3
265	239	Hardy Hanson	256		4.7	
170	135	Havelock	150	...	3.4	13.6
3773	3125	Holt J	3400	...	1.8	18.7
246	195	Mansfield	238	- 1	2.4	14.6
314	258	Mrstn Thompt	304	+ 1	2.5	14.8
545	450	Morland	455	- 10	2.9	13.7
70¼	6½	Paramount	7		3.6	
322	209	Regent Inns	322		2.1	24.7
1665¼	1600	SA Breweries	1512½	+ 3¼	1.9	23.5
581	477	Scot & Newt	507	...	4.3	14.5
306	215	Vaux Group	216	...	5.7	12.2
454	324½	Wetherspoon JD	454	+ 1	1.8	26.0
617	494	Whitbread	584	- 1½	4.2	15.4
589	493	Wolvrhmptn Dt	522		3.3	13.8
194	148	Yates Bros	190		2.5	15.0
535	465	Young 'A'	465		4.0	18.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	140		4.7	10.2
200	148	Albert	161	...	4.3	15.1
164	64½	Amec	69	...	5.4	39.8
165	47	Andrews Sykes	133	...		
462	333	Ashtead	420	...	1.6	26.6
191	101	Avonside	104	...	5.3	12.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	40	- 1		
292	139	Birrall Devs	163	...	4.6	12.7
169	122½	Bovis Homes	128	- ½	5.3	10.1
304	179	Bellway	198	- 1	4.5	
59	31	Bellwinch	34	...		39.9
573	336	Berkeley Grp	337	- 7	2.7	10.7
215	118	Best Bros	178	...	3.2	5.5
355	210	Boot (Henry)	287	+ 7	3.5	11.7
93	35	Brandon Hire	93	...	2.8	
235	160	Br Bldg & Engr	180	...	6.2	10.0
197½	117	Breant	117	- 5	5.3	13.2
145¼	105	CALA	105	...	3.8	14.5
54	31	Campbell & Arm	34½			
62	44	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.6
42	20¼	Coctain	20¼	- ¼		
185	108	Countryside	109	...	5.8	
120	73	Crest Nicholson	75	...	2.7	13.9
140	96	Cussins	97	...	4.4	11.7
30	17	Edmond Hldgs	18	...	2.1	
473	273	Eve Group	273	...	5.1	11.0
60	24	Galliford	26	...	4.8	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89	+ 1	3.8	
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	828	...	2.1	14.2
86	71	Green (Ernest)	85	...	8.8	36.2
191	121	Havelock Euro	178	...	2.1	16.3
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	139	- 1	2.7	16.0
144	86	Higgs & Hill	92	...	3.4	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	22	...	4.5	28.5
25	6	Jarvis	11			
138	104	Keller	116		4.1	13.4
428	204	Laing (J)	220	- 3	5.1	19.9
164	90¼	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	85	+ ½	8.4	
145	115	Lilley Clydesdale	122	...	4.9	16.9
173	53	Lovell (YJ)	60	...	2.1	6.9
253	196	Maunders (J)	209	...	3.3	
321	154	McAlpine (A)	170	- 1	4.8	24.9
76¼	50¼	McCarthy & S	59			
185¼	84	Mowlem (J)	102		2.5	
379½	182	Persimmon	195	- 2	5.9	14.6
2109¼	1450	Pochin	2109¼		1.9	21.1
198	125	Prowting	125		3.6	19.8
116	44½	Raine Ind	47¼	- 1½	7.9	9.9
61	45	Second Rdstr	46			14.9
132	94	Redrow	97	- 2	3.5	16.5
67	50	Suttle-Bre	60	...	1.6	28.2
385	233	Sherriff Hldgs	385	...	1.9	16.1
112	62¼	Sharrer	108	...	4.2	15.3
245	195	Smart (J)	210	...	5.1	22.0
280	155½	Spandert	268	...	1.1	21.6
257	151	Tay Homes	170	...	4.7	12.5
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	123	- 1	1.8	30.0
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	568	...	7.3	43.5
61	36	Toms Hire	61	...	2.7	
40½	20	Try Group	31	...	3.1	
129	90	Vibroplant	109	...	4.3	19.6
170	115	Wainhomes	116	...	5.3	12.5
74	48	Ward Hldgs	51	...	1.2	
225½	132	Westbury	139	+ 1	4.9	12.6
7½	3¼	Wiggins	5¼	+ ¼		
259	154	Wilson (C)	180	...	3.3	13.3
571	312	Wilson Bowdn	322	...	3.7	14.4
249	123	Wimpey G	123	- 1	5.3	18.4

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Abrightsont	14	..	4.5	23.6
341	283	Alumasc	338	..	2.2	
65¼	45½	Amberley Grp	51	..	3.1	26.2
363	274	BPB Indt	287	- 3	3.7	14.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	123	..	3.2	
60	30	Baxton	32	..	7.8	
244	125	Berkeley Ind	#230	..	0.3	60.3
93	58	Blockleys	67	..	1.7	
391	282	Blue Circle	277	- 3	5.1	19.7
117	77	Breedon PLC	78	..	7.4	22.3
154	128	Br Dredging	131	+ 1	5.3	15.8
409	321	CRH	363	- 2	2.7	17.9
70	31	Cakebread Rby	36	..		4.1
278	196	Caparo	205	..	6.7	13.0
455	224	Caradon	256	- 3	4.3	17.0
215½	114	Caradon pl	130½	- 1	6.9	
82	46	Chelfaft Gp	54	..	8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	112	..	3.9	18.9
97	67	Dyson 'A'	72	..	6.1	18.8
13½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	12			
359	273	Epwin	275	..	3.6	16.3
82	57	Erith	59	..	3.0	33.2
218	169	Graham Grp	173	..	3.3	16.5
399	337	Halstead (J)	341	..	2.7	15.7
511	264	Hepworth	312	..	5.9	17.7
88	46	Hewetson	86	..	2.2	14.7
205	85	Hewid (J)	138	..	2.1	
473	257	Heywd Wllms	268	..	8.3	15.1
100	67	Ibstock	78	- 1	1.6	
294	149	Johnston	263	..	2.1	31.6
170	106	Lilleshall	107	..	5.5	11.2
213½	128	Marley	128	- 4	4.1	15.2
155	136	Marshalls	131	- 1	4.3	11.5
589	343	Meyer Intl	363	+ 6	3.7	14.1
196	145	Newman Tonks	167	..	4.8	21.1
212½	102	Norcros	107	..	8.2	20.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12			
208	155	Pilkington	161	- 2	3.1	31.0
185	126	Polypipe	133½	+ ½	2.2	15.4
1079	805	RMC Grp	925	- 4	2.9	19.1
40	15	Ramus	15	- 2		
640	425½	Redland	461	- 1	6.8	21.3
108	70	Rostel	96	- 1	5.6	
185½	102½	Rugby Group	120	- 1	3.6	15.1
103	82	Russell (A)	89	..	3.2	18.3
288	222	SIG	260	- 1	2.7	20.9
21	16	SMP	16½	..	1.5	23.0
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	179	..	3.1	13.1
21½	38	Spring Ram	38½	..	1.6	
206	113	Tarmac	115½	- 1	6.0	
220	160	Tera	160		3.6	
370	274	Travis Perkins	286		3.8	17.6
28	21	Tretor	24		1.3	
54	33	Unigroup	36			
63	33	Warehouse	43	- 2		
129	87	Wickes	91	+ 1	1.8	20.4
975	705	Wolseley	780	- 3	2.7	15.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1¼	Anglo Utd	1¾			
110	73	App Holo	85			
165	107	Asmodst	117	..	5.3	
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½			
49	38	Black Arrow	47	..	8.2	7.5
124	70	Br Bearband	77	..		69.1
13	5¼	Caird Gp	5¾	..		16.0
10½	4½	Cawcoal	6¼	- ¼	2.0	
157	109	Cosalt	140	..	7.1	9.6
237	188	Falcon	218	- 1	1.2	18.7
50	28	Headway	43	..	2.0	33.5
293	234	Jacelosers	259	+ 3	3.5	
248	156	Legrif	157	..	6.2	14.5
274	214	Nekio Gp	227	..	3.3	14.8
310	207	Photo-Me	262	..	2.3	27.3
62	39	Prom & Geol	56	..	3.9	
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	..	2.5	20.4
12½	4½	Porth Group	4½			
51½	5½	Rodime	11			
130	78	Stanks & McEwant	84	..	3.1	
244	174	Secdab (New)	183	..	4.9	14.1
409	350	Waste Mgt Intl	369	...		13.9

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	126	- 2	2.4	17.8
790	705	Amber Ind	780	..	3.4	15.5
£140¼	£106½	BASF DM	£129¼	- 37¼	3.8	
767	627	BOC	707	+ 4	4.4	26.1
373	231	BTP	309	+ 11	4.2	17.5
£160¼	£129¼	Bayer DM50	£145¾	- 106¼	3.1	
131	98	Brent Chem	103	..	4.6	
336	219	Br Vita	227	- 2	4.1	16.9
46	18	Cambridge Isc	36	- 5		
199	152	Canning (W)	155	..	4.9	31.3
580	420	Courtaulds	449	- 12	4.2	30.6
393	321	Croda	373	- 14	2.9	16.0
149	93	Doehn	132	..	4.4	13.3
58½	35¼	Ebon Colour	57½	+ ¼	2.7	18.4
185	119	Goston	122	..	5.7	11.0
232	188	Hickson	124	- 1	8.1	11.1
£153¼	£126¼	Hoechst	£134¾	- 81¼	2.8	
230	157½	Holliday Chem	203	..	2.7	16.6
853	727	ICI	748	- 6	4.6	60.4
191¼	108	Kalon	117½	..	4.7	11.1
847	675	Laporte	718	+ 3	3.7	18.2
95	48	MTM	80	..	0.8	
415	290	Macfarlane	296	+ 1	4.2	14.3
127	100	McLeod Russell	113	..	8.9	
155	81	Midsontech	85	..	6.5	8.9
679¼	358¼	Morgan	448½	- 1¾	4.4	20.7
369	265	Porvair	295	+ 2	1.9	22.2
272	185	Scapa	194	+ 2	3.8	15.8
88	33	[illegible]	39	..	2.8	18.9
957	656	[illegible]	759	- 13½	0.8	14.3
490	335	Wardle Storeys	335	..	6.4	18.7
238	191	Wellington Hld	191	..	3.4	18.5
929	570	Wassall	782	..	3.0	16.5
439	345	Yorks Chem	339	+ 1	2.9	15.5
330	258	Yule Catto	276	..	3.0	21.0

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	105	AB Lect	105		4.8	
317	246	Acalt	317	+ 17	2.7	17.2
590	252	Adams & Harvey	598	...	2.3	7.4
31	21	Alexanders	21	..	3.0	19.5
175	113	Appleyard	113	..	6.4	19.9
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	..	1.3	62.1
578	485	BSS Group	518	..	4.4	18.3
23½	17	Bearing Power	23	..	5.4	
405	349	Beckley	356	..	5.1	10.5
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	..	3.1	9.6
370	288	Bammer	350	..	4.8	19.4
31	15½	Bodgens Grp	16	..	1.6	
98	78	Brit Fittings	88	..	3.2	
71	40	Brown & Tawse	40			
57	35	Burndene	37	..	8.7	
465	245	Callyns	268	..	5.4	18.1
59	24½	Cyclist Pict	26½	..	5.2	14.7
130	84	Central Mtr	88	..	5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)	42	..	5.4	12.9
342¼	197½	Cowie	226	..	5.0	11.2
192½	127	Dag Motors	138	..	5.9	15.9
683	446	Dalmans El	593	..	1.4	16.6
620	414½	Diploma	422	..	4.0	
589	443	Electrocomps	474	+ 1	2.7	19.4
175	133	Electron House	160	+ 2	2.5	18.5
283	225	Ellis & Everard	260	..	3.7	19.2
234	201	EuroDollar	205	..	5.2	16.0
173	108	Evenpoint Mtrt	108	- 1	5.2	11.7
530¼	385	Evans Halshaw	395	- 5	4.5	12.4
656	490½	Farnell Elect	514	..	1.9	21.3
78	50	Fife Indmar	58	- 2	5.9	8.5
34	15¼	Gardiner	15¼	- ¼	6.0	7.5
48	19	Glencheaton	23½	..		26.9
90	60	Gowrings	73	..	3.4	22.2
78	59	Hallin Hldgs	72	+ 1		55.2
167	122	Harris (Philip)	167	+ 13	5.1	14.6
342¾	266½	Heiton	267	- 2	3.5	14.3
191	88	Holders Tech	92	..	8.2	18.0
138	110	ISA Intl	110	..	1.9	13.7
609	385	Inchcape	422	- 5	4.4	14.0
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	56	..		13.0
184	145	Kwik-Fit	167	..	3.0	19.2
573	291	Lex Service	300	..	5.6	11.5
282	162	Lookers	193	..	4.5	12.0
20	14	Malaya Grp	15	..	2.1	
9	3½	Marlow	8¼	+		
440	279	Norbain	432	+ 2	0.7	20.7
100	47	Northamber	91	..	1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152	..	6.1	14.7
310	235	Pendragon	252	..	3.7	15.6
298	161	Perry Grp	161	..	5.4	8.8
318	131	Quicks Group	131	..	5.0	13.8
166	97	REA	165	..	4.5	34.1
5¼	2¾	Reece	2¾			
24	4	Ross Gp	6	..	4.2	
42	32½	SEP Ind	38	- 1	5.4	
44	31	TLS Range	40	- 1	3.1	16.1
265	215	Time Products	232	..	4.7	15.6
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	152	..	3.8	14.4
335	245	Wholesale Ftgs	245	..	6.0	
30½	13½	Wills Gp	17½	..	3.6	9.8
74¼	30½	Wilsons	73	..	1.1	24.6
69	40	Wyko	61	..	1.0	
96	61	Young (H)	68	..	6.6	

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	156		6.0	15.9
380	199½	Anglo	313	..	1.4	25.3
62	48	Armour	48½	..	4.6	10.1
997	773½	[illegible]	957	- 40	2.2	37.3
401	278	BTR	294½	+ 1	5.3	15.5
570	372	B&T	439	+ 3	5.9	11.5
97	49	Bibby J	72	..	5.2	
57¼	44	Brerley Inv	47¼	- ¼	9.4	
836	636¼	Charter	784	- 4	3.7	23.0
285	226½	Cookson	227	- 1	3.6	20.5
302	217¼	Ransomes	236½	+ 3½	6.3	16.3
220	196	Harden Coild	138	- 1	8.3	15.5
365¼	238¼	Hutch Whampo	247¼	+ 1½	2.3	17.6
710	408¼	Jardine Math	496	+ 48	3.0	11.2
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28	..	4.3	28.8
175½	124½	Lonrho	154	+ 2½	3.2	42.3
44	16	Porter Chadbn	41			
685½	488	Powell Duffryn	498	+ 4	6.3	14.4
184	118½	Rapper	128	..	7.3	14.5
489	337	Ruberoid	453	- 2	5.3	22.0
34½	9¼	Saltire	11½	..		4.4
183½	105	Sime Darby	143	- 2	3.1	18.2
267	170	Staveley	170	..	6.2	49.7
220	155	Suter	155½	- ½	7.5	15.0
268	220	TT Group	240	+ 1	2.2	
283	202	Tomkins	214½	- 4½	4.3	13.8
124	68	Trafalgar Ht	75	- 1	1.7	
440	245	Unidare	295	..	3.8	15.2
324	246½	Wassall	287	+ 1	1.6	24.6
13½	9¼	Widney	10¼	..	2.4	
414¼	309	Williams Hldg	315	+ 2½	5.2	19.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	610¼	East Midlands	834	- 12	4.2	34.7
866	566	Eastern Grp	777	- 18	4.0	16.8
776	534	London Elect	739	- 18	4.2	11.3
886	635	Manweb	872	- 7	3.9	10.3
845½	547	Midlands Elec	805	- 16	3.9	12.2
520	404¼	National Power	484	- 2	3.2	13.3
1065	589	Northern Elec	997	- 6	3.4	12.4
421	329	Nthn Ireland	359	- 6	4.2	9.7
867	587	Norweb	840	- 23	3.6	11.1
602	449	PowerGen	534	+ 1½	3.2	11.5
477	307	Hydro-Elec	326	- 2	5.1	10.2
498	335	Scottish Power	339	- 7	4.8	10.6
490	299	Seeboard	463	- 18	3.4	12.2
912	591	Sth Wales	896	- 11	4.1	12.0
889	551	Sth Western	868	- 17	3.7	21.4
837	540	Southern Elec	799	- 21	3.8	11.5
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	727	- 11	4.3	14.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
189	63	Acorn Comp	97			
650	478	Adwest	635	+ 1	1.3	19.5
280	163	Alba	158	..	2.2	15.3
280	126¼	Amstrad	134	..	2.3	
39	24	Arden	24	..		
94½	78	Astec	84	- ½	1.3	17.2
281	118	Azlan	134	..	2.7	10.8
478	325	BICC	359	- 3	6.7	22.6
283	239	Bowthorpe	246	..	4.9	
16	7	Berkeley Bus	9			
536	402	Black	430			
380	280	Bowthorpe	290	..	3.0	16.7
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	..	1.6	11.4
289	198	CML Micro	198	..	3.8	12.6
36¼	20	Chloride	22¼	..	0.5	63.7
189	81	Copmond	110	..	4.9	
202	148½	Cray Elect	159	- 3½	1.8	18.5
468	412	Critchley	468	..	2.3	19.7
398	289	Dale Elec Syst	349	+ 8	0.6	25.6
586	430	Delta	444	..	4.1	19.0
569	400	Domino	552	..	1.4	26.6
78	63	Dowding Mills	71	- 1	4.5	25.9
1635	1320	Dreck	1465	- 5	0.9	27.3
3756¼	2900	Electrolux 'B'	3278¼	- 18¼	1.6	56.5
35	21	Emess	29½	- ¼	0.4	
4940¼	3737½	Ericsson 'B'	3565¾	- 6¼	1.1	30.7
86	58	Eurotherm	71	..	3.6	
451	343	Eurotherm	391	..	1.8	
410	334¼	Farley Group	405	- 4	1.9	21.4
283	180	Forward Grt	195	..	3.5	12.0
58	14½	Forward Tech	41	..	2.2	8.5
333½	259	GEC	273	- ½	5.0	13.5
191	102	Gestetner	120	+ 3	5.4	13.1
191	119	Grassby	130	..	4.5	11.6
193	121	Ind Control	138	..	4.5	11.6
385	319	Kenwood App	319	..	3.7	15.6
890	730	Kershaw (A)	885	..	3.9	40.7
165	38	Kode	53	..	3.4	
55	44	LPA Ind	44	..	4.5	
320	250	MTL Inst	299	..	1.8	18.0
281	210	Memec-Sw	265	..	2.0	20.6
45	31	Microvitec	37	+ ½	..	16.5
494	185	Mitel	224			
148	109	Mezzy Ent	115	..	2.3	
31	19	Oxford	22	..	3.6	
91	60	Pacer Systems	60	..	7.4	21.7
98	74½	Peak	82	..	5.2	20.6
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1916¾	+ 3½	1.9	8.7
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£110	..	5.2	
359	283	Pilco	349	..	1.6	23.9
344	282	Pilco 'A' Vtg	327	..	1.7	22.4
140	70	Plasmec	120	..	3.9	
129	90	Prestac	105	+ 2	3.4	20.2
43½	17¼	Prestwick	24			
303	181	Psion	250	..	1.5	17.5
261	187	Racal Elect	217	- 3	2.6	17.8
53	33	Radamec	47	..	5.1	12.9
311	226	Rodime	232	..	2.4	17.0
89	15	Scantronic	19½	..	6.4	
49	34	Silverwrapper	42	- 1	2.4	24.9
94	61	Soundtracks	82	..	4.8	14.1
104	38	Sprio Bus	47	..	8.9	7.3
19	9	TDS Circuits	9½			
3225	2265½	TDK	3862½	- 21½	1.0	
447	264	Tadpole Tech	375	- 1		
170	77	Telemetrix	78	- 1	1.6	10.0
101	51	TGI	99	..	3.0	17.3
378	191	Telspec	378	+ 1	0.8	45.7
346	139	Thorne FW	238	..	1.7	17.4
43	22	Total Systems	35	..		36.4
303	215	Tunstall	251	..	1.9	
364	256	Unitech	350	..	2.3	27.4
15¼	8	Verity	8	- 1	..	21.5
483	382	Volex	384	..	6.0	16.1
280	80	Wattsbourne	79			
166	80	Whitecroft	166	..	2.8	18.2

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AIM	170	+ 2	3.3	45.4
138	47½	APV	49½	- ½	11.1	
220	157	ASW	215	..	3.7	
126	20¼	Aero Hamble	30	..	15.6	3.0
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	17	..	5.8	
73	37½	Alvis	45½	- 1	2.7	
175	141	Ash & Lacy	142	..	5.6	14.7
653	490	Atlas Eqpto	653	..	5.0	18.4
125	86	Ayrshire Metal	121	..	1.5	14.8
51	24¼	BM Gp	46	..		
40¼	28	Babcock	29¼			
176	132	BWT	136	..	6.2	20.9
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	80½	..	2.8	20.6
95	29	Beardord	38			
239	110	Billam (J)	110	..	6.0	8.9
329	262	Bodycote	314	+ 1	2.1	21.4
75	43	Booth Inds	73			
20	15	Brasway	15	..	4.4	15.3
171	120	Bridport	157	..	3.2	
578½	285½	Br Aerospace	424	- 4	2.7	37.2
172¼	121¼	Br Steel	155	- ½	2.8	18.7
126	85¼	Bromsgrove Ind	92	..	6.1	11.7
18¼	9½	Brooke Tool	12½			
186	135	Bullough	157	..	4.8	25.8
80	55	Bumifain	79	..	2.9	33.9
22	14	CI Group	15	+ 1	2.5	
293	247	Carclo Eng	265	..	4.3	17.3
155	110	Castings	151	- 2	2.3	18.6
230	150	Chamberlin Hill	150	..	5.6	9.5
380	272	Chemring	299	..	4.1	
286½	180	Clyde Blowers	181	..	3.1	
337	235	Cobham	335	..	2.9	16.7
688	403	Cohen (A)	533	..	0.8	
263	178	Concentric	185	..	3.9	
319	333	Cook (Wm)	241	..	3.9	11.3
296	198	Dareal Bros	213	..	3.8	15.0
97	68	Dobson Park	68	..	6.9	
442	364	ES	380	..	4.1	15.3
101	69	Elliott (B)	95	..	2.6	14.2
118	60	Expamet	89	..	3.7	63.1
212	144	FKI	148	- 1	3.6	16.9
148	109	Fenner	133	..	1.4	64.2
45	28	Ferrum	26			
88	73	GEI Intl	80	..	3.9	14.8
134	91	Galton Eng	120	..	4.9	
404	321	Glynwed	333	..	4.4	19.5
14½	10	Graystone	12½	..	2.4	10.6
85	61	Haden MacLn	78	..	3.3	19.6
136	90	Hallleigh	136	+ 1	2.3	15.4
320	143	Hall Eng	160	..	6.7	11.7
256	204	Halmat	216½	+ 1½	1.5	25.4
73	47	Hampson Ind	58	..	4.6	10.4
48	35	Hay (Norman)	38			
164½	122	Hill & Smith	134	..	5.4	14.5
63	38	Hopkinsons	56	+ 1	2.9	
41	27	How Gp	37	..	2.5	
103	78	Howden	94	..	3.2	15.5
286	157	Hunting	178	..	7.0	25.4
513	402	Hunting Tec	433	..	1.5	30.2
379	286	IMI	318	- 1	4.0	27.0
51	33½	Johnson & FB	42			
628	488	Johnson Matthy	545	..	2.8	20.4
33	25	Jones Shipman	30			
335	230	Kelsey Ind	324	..	5.0	
265	205	Linton	265	..	3.3	16.5
20½	11	Locker (T) A	11½	..	4.3	
49	35	ML Hldgs	35	..	4.1	12.2
67	36	MS Intl	36	..	7.2	15.7
179	129	Mang Bronze	137	..	3.6	10.7
539	381½	McKechnie	392	- 5	4.7	23.0
130	71¼	Meggitt	75	..	6.5	12.1
130	101	Metalrax	104	..	4.5	17.3
133	99	Metsec	131	..	2.9	18.2
569	494	Molins	494	- 1	4.9	9.9
408	308	Morgan Crble	322	+ 1	5.0	15.6
217	176	Marrs Asrey	204	..	3.8	14.6
51	34	Neepsend	35	..	4.5	17.8
128	51	Neolitronics	52	+ 1	6.3	11.3
60	43	Newmark (L)	43			
59¼	38	OMI Intl	39	- ½	5.6	
358	277	Oxford Ins	330	- 1	1.9	19.3
341	218	Powerscreen	245	..	3.8	10.3
33½	13½	Pressed Intl	15½	+ ¼	6.9	7.9
108	68	Radiant Metal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	64			
95	70	Record	83	..	5.4	18.7
281	243¼	Renishaw	280	..	2.9	23.7
183	126	Renold	169	- 2	2.0	26.2
73	51	Richard (Leics)	58	..	4.8	41.5
104¼	76	Richardson West	77	..	5.3	16.9
204	161	Rolls-Royce	177	- 2	3.5	31.2
195	156	Rotork	170	..	3.2	17.3
190	134	Rubicon	143	..	4.0	16.1
150½	72	Senior Eng	83	+ 1	5.1	13.5
270	245	Servomex	266	..	3.1	28.4
630	500	Siebe	555	- 8	2.6	17.7
130½	75	Simon Eng	86			
82	35	Sk Hendicot	81	..	2.3	28.0
1458¼	1031¼	SKF 'B'	1084¼	- 5¾		
527¼	411	Smiths Indt	444	+ 5	3.7	17.1
465	337	Spirax-Sarco	450	..	2.8	19.1
267	197	Stelling Indt	227	..	3.9	14.7
455	343	TI	381	- 5	3.8	21.1
121	92	Tinsley (Eli)	100	..	7.0	16.3
105	45	Transfer Tech	58	..	7.1	8.3
163	125	Triplex Lloyd	130	..	6.7	
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	..	0.8	
1548	980	VSEL	1363	+ 3	3.3	12.8
31½	12	Vesson	15			
204	163	Vickers	173	..	2.5	18.3
327	250	Victaulic	252	..	4.0	13.9
19	9½	Vitters Grp	9½			
531	451	Volex	529	..	1.9	13.8
805	661	Vosper Thornyt	722	..	3.3	15.6
527	451	Wagon Ind	453	..	5.1	22.7
354¼	246½	Weir	288	+ 2	2.9	17.2
48½	37½	Wellman	40½	- ½	3.1	66.1
548	365	Whatman	483	+ 11	3.3	14.8
264	98	Whessoe	125	..	2.3	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	33			
160	108	Airflow Stream	158	..	3.1	15.6
639	458	Avon Rubber	453	- 1	4.5	
236	173	BBA	204	+ 3	2.8	
86½	54	BSG	56½	..	7.1	25.3
18½	8¼	Benson Group	10½	..	3.8	14.4
306	180	Bostrom	300	..	2.5	77.7
28½	17	Boustead	23	..	6.5	
32	11¼	Caverdale	12	+ ¼	1.6	12.2
332	275	ERF	326	+ 1	1.5	
372	298	First Tech	371	..	1.8	21.2
660	510¼	GKN	586	- 2	4.4	34.3
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2675	- 18¼	1.9	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1134	+ 5¼	0.4	
432¼	331	Laird	345	..	3.9	16.7
350	233	Lucas	345			
239	158	Lucas	197	- 5	4.4	
64	50	Mayflower	55	+ 1	3.2	22.4
124	61	Midstates	83	..		8.8
178	149	Syltone	159½	..	3.9	17.7
261	157	T & N	160	..	8.5	13.9
333	263	Tinsley Hldgs	333	..	2.4	24.1

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	559	- 1	3.6	11.4
368	248	Acatos & Hutch	265	..	4.3	9.9
74	40	Albert Fisher	47	- 1	9.9	18.0
270	210	Banks (S C)	218	..	5.6	8.4
383	305	Barr (AG)	375	..	2.2	24.2
72	35	Bensons Crsp	39	..	6.9	
481	378	Booker	392	- 6	7.0	14.4
56½	47½	Borthwick	47½	..	3.4	22.6
212	156	CPL Aromas	202	+ 1	1.9	19.3
546	392	Cadbury-Schw	431	- 5½	4.5	14.3
254	143	Cans Milngt	254	+ 1	3.1	9.2
187	130	Cranswick	147	..	7.1	12.3
156	90	Dalepak	110	..	1.7	
543	389	Dalgety	420	- 2	6.3	11.8
87	50	Daniels S	54	..	0.7	
294	210	Devro	218	..	3.6	14.7
101	52	Everest	64	+ 1	4.9	24.0
8½	4¼	Fantasyfood	4½			
86	61	Finlay (James)	66	..	7.9	9.0
20½	13	Global	15	..	4.2	13.7
77	38	Grand Central	57			
194	104	Hazlewood Fds	114	- 1	7.3	7.1
196½	151	Hillsdown	178	- 2	8.2	12.7
28	16	Hobson	22½			
111	83	JLI Group	84	+ 1	7.2	11.8
408	313	Linton Park	348	+ 2	6.3	9.9
127	85	Matthews (B)	113	- 1	3.0	13.6
181	160	Mtn ED & F	175	..	6.1	9.6
246	205	Nichols (JN)	231	..	3.2	14.8
271½	198	Nthn Foods	214	+ 1	5.1	11.0
14	9	Northdown Fa	11			
46	23	Pascoe's	23			
81	62	Perkins Food	68	+ 1	8.4	11.1
98	73	Sentry Farm	84	..	3.3	8.5
122	71	Sims Food	78	..	12.0	
467½	382	Tate & Lyle	415	- 5	4.3	8.6
238	145	Treat	217	+ 11	2.4	17.7
371	317	Unigate	337	+ 9	8.5	9.2
1247	958	Unilever	1155	- 1	2.8	16.6
8118¾	6496¼	Unilever (NV)	7437½	- 8¼	2.9	15.0
368	293½	Utd Biscuits	323	- 7	5.8	25.4
48	33	West Trust	35	..	9.1	24.2
133	88	Yorkshire Food	110	+ 2	3.7	13.0

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	325	AAH	339	..	6.6	11.9
1141	844	Amersham	844	- 2	2.4	17.7
81	43	Amgen	51			
297¼	205	Assoc Nursg	206	..	1.4	12.0
393	243	Bespak	280	..	4.6	14.4
10	5	Care UK	7			
115	69	Celsis	78			
151	88	Chiroscience	97			
42	38	Codecs	38			
297	232	Community H	240	..	4.1	13.9
44	29	CrystaCare	32	- 1	3.0	
146	98	Environmed	111	- 1	1.8	
110	82	Fozard Group	86	..	3.3	
171	134	Goldsborough	153	..	1.9	
15½	9¼	Glencare	10	..	4.2	13.3
165	39	Mercure Gp	51	+ 1	9.1	
325	278	Isotron	280	..	2.1	
171	107	Life Sciences	133	- 1	3.9	13.2
152½	74	Lon Intl	88	- 3		
90	42	Nestor-BNA	45	..	8.8	11.1
3	1¼	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	253	..	2.2	14.7
210	123	Scholl	131	..	6.1	12.6
363	275½	Seton Health	320	..	2.7	16.3
83	44	Shield Diag	56			
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	153	..	4.1	16.9
21	6	Specialeyes	9	+ 2		
292	192	Takare	226	+ 4	1.1	19.7
313	245	UniChem	269	..	3.2	14.5
400	294	West Hthcare	344	..	1.6	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	291	Airsprung	202	..	3.0	13.1
183	115	BLP Group	149	..	0.8	40.9
39	35	Bilston Bttrsea	35			
187	91	Crowll Plc 'A'	105	..	6.8	23.5
285	170	Creighton Nt	178	..	5.7	12.0
165	133	Denby Group	147	..	2.7	
168	113	Gaskell	135	..	3.9	
14	4¼	Lloydset	5	+ ¼	5.0	
231	186	Maybom	172	..	4.3	11.4
335	250	Dollamere Ind	272	- 1	5.0	12.2
430	230	Osborne & Little	392	..	2.4	11.9
625	428	Paterson Zoch	449	..	3.9	13.0
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	419	..	4.1	12.1
714½	528	Reckitt Colmn	586	- 1	3.9	14.8
291	211	Relyon	266	+ 1	2.5	48.5
378	194	Silentnight	199	..	6.0	12.5
46	27½	Stoddard	28½	..	7.0	10.7
330	208	Tomkinsons	209	..	8.9	
160	125	Victoria Carpet	130	..	4.3	7.0
110¼	94½	Wallace Greenb	99	- 2	4.5	18.2
63	44	Warford Wtgd	58	..		45.2
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493¼	957½	Alex & Alex	1225	+ 37½	5.4	
2043¾	1587½	Am Gen	1793¾	- 18¼	4.1	
112	84½	Angerstein	89	..	1.7	73.4
86	47	Archer	56	- 1	3.3	
165	85	Bradstock	95	+ 1	7.8	
550	370	Britannic	386	..	4.1	
117	88½	CLM Insce	96	..	2.0	63.6
701½	481	Com Union	499	- 7	5.0	18.8
109	86	Delian	97	..	0.6	
1950	1650	Dom & Gen	1655	..	2.1	17.7
64	31	FAI	36	- 1	1.4	
221½	145	FBD IE	163	- ¼	4.2	7.6
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	162	..	6.4	
114	89	Finsbury Uder	96½	..	1.7	62.3
757	497	Gen Accident	503	- 2	6.9	8.1
247	161	GRE	166½	- 2¼	5.9	18.6
105	80	HCG Lloyds	92	..	1.8	77.5
457	211	Heath C E	346	..	8.1	
245½	177½	Hibernian IE	187¾	- ¼	5.2	7.1
114	86	Hiscox Select	108	..	1.7	
323	238½	Independent	266	..	4.1	7.2
241	178	Irish Life	189	..	8.2	17.6
179	118	JIB Group	126	..	7.4	11.6
547	407	Legal & Gen	430	- 6	6.1	16.7
1568¾	965¼	Liberty Life	1489¾	+ 3½	7.0	5.7
118	91	London Ins Mkt	99	..	2.5	34.5
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	161	..	8.1	10.6
471	313	Lloyds Abbey	336	+ 7	6.9	10.2
185	159	Lombard Ins	175	..	5.5	16.7
443	282	Londn & Man	309	+ 1	6.5	15.4
119	91	London Ins Mkt	99	..	2.5	34.5
236	156	Lowndes Lmbt	162	..	8.0	10.0
5893¾	4531¼	Marsh McLn	5068¾	- 6¼	3.7	
110	84	Masthead	95			
188	147	Nelson Hurst	180	..	3.9	16.0
106	76	New London Cap	86	..	1.5	
129½	100	Orel	107	+ 2	5.8	
89	75	Premium Trust	75	..	3.3	
134	101½	Pearson Unde	110			
385	271	Prudential	306	- 7	5.6	13.2
83	31	PWS	35	..	10.7	5.8
404	239	Refuge	244	- 1	5.9	18.0
350	232½	Royal	260	- 2	4.0	5.8
222	138	Sedgwick	151	- 1	5.0	17.1
155	104	Steel Burrill	119	- 2	9.5	
87	54	Stenga Hlds	62	- 3	6.2	
418	283	Sun Alliance	290	+ 3	6.5	8.1
107	81	Syndicate Cap	89	..	1.8	70.9
96	51	Trade Indemnity	62	..	1.8	13.8
464	327	Transatlantic	329	+ 1	4.6	28.8
673	432	Utd Friendly	470	+ 5	4.5	24.1
245	139	Willis Corroon	141	+ 3	5.9	16.6
28	20	Windsor	23	..	2.8	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
338	280	3i	334½	- ½	2.8	
106½	79½	Abtrust Energy	80	..	8.3	
102	80	Abtrust High Inc	80	..	8.9	
280	205	Abtrust N Dawn	214	- 1	0.5	
2058	1678	Alliance	1737	- 2	3.4	
293	247	American Trust	254	- 1	2.7	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	418	- 3	2.1	
196	141	Baillie Gifford SN	149	- 2		
219	173	Bankers	184	..	2.6	
75¼	43½	Barng Em Eu	45½	- ¼	0.3	
381	311	Baring Tribne	320	..	2.6	
248	199	Berry Starz	227	- 1	1.2	
91½	86¼	Bt Assets	89¼	- ¼	6.1	
98	89	Br Empire Sect	98	..	1.3	
46	31	Br Empire Wts	32			
234	188	Br Invt	204	..	3.0	
105¼	83¼	Brandan	88¼	- 1¼	0.5	
272	221	Brunner	227	..	2.9	
161	117	BZW Conv	130	..	7.5	
363	310	Candover	343	+ 5	4.1	
65	50	Central Euro Gwth	52			
271	156	China & Eastern	159	..	2.8	
223	166	Cont Assets	166	..	2.0	
95	77	Dartmoor Inv Inc	77	- 1	12.9	
328	268	Derby Cap	305	+ 2		
173	147	Derby Inc	160	..	12.3	
100	62	Drayton Blue	62	..	16.9	
111	84	Dryton Eng Ext	92	..	1.1	
166	128	Dryton Far East	140½	..	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	641	- 1	5.1	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	89½			
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	303	+ 2	3.7	
80	35	Dunedin Wts	36½			
827	725	Dunedin Worldw	733	- 2	1.6	
122	92½	Edin Dragon	98½			
53½	41½	Edinburgh Inca	41½	- 2	0.1	
358	281	Edinburgh	300	..	3.7	
179	139	EFM Japan	160	- 1		
364	286	Elecra Inv	317	..	2.9	
220	185	Electric Genl	190	..	2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	182	..	2.7	
127	108	English Scot	111			
345	273	European Asset	275	..	2.1	
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	153	..	0.2	
103½	79	Fidty Jap Val	83			
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	..	2.4	
96	68	Fleming 'B'	68	..	0.5	
343	274	Fleming Amer	281	- 1	0.5	
145	68	Fleming Chinese	71½	..	0.9	
92	26	Fleming Cb Wts	32½			
267	196	Fleming Claver	203	..	3.4	
385	298	Fleming Cont	298	..	0.9	
210½	156¼	Fleming Em Mkt	156½	- ½		
264	190	Fleming Ento	206	..	2.9	
459	327	Fleming F Ext	328	- 1	0.6	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	357½	..	1.0	
130	89	Fleming Hi Inc	95	..	5.9	
109	85	Fleming Indust	85	- 1	1.3	
64	42	Fleming In Wts	44	- 1		
52½	34½	Fleming Ind	35	..	12.7	
284	223	Fleming Japan	255	- 2		
347	289½	Fleming Merc	275	..	3.0	
347¼	280¼	Fleming Overs	289	- 1	1.8	
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	135	..	1.7	
106	93	For & Col Inc Gwth	101	..	1.7	
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	116½	- 3		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70	- ½	1.1	
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	218	..	0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	121	..	0.5	
374	295	Frgn Pacific	311	..	1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP	121	..	3.6	
182	159½	Frgn Smaller	160½	..	1.6	
120	97	Frgn US Smlr	97			
28½	21½	Falcon Cap	23½			
54	46	Falcon Inc	46	..	23.5	
142½	134½	Falcon Zero	141	- ½		
213	190	Gartmore Brit	190	..	4.8	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	128	+ 1	0.9	
130	85	Gartmore Shd	87	..	14.2	
247	201	Gmore Smlr Cos	210	+ 3	3.4	
128	99	Geared Inc Inv	99	- 1	10.5	
200	148	Genl Cons Cap	148			
115½	104	Genl Inc	104	..	10.5	
106	80	German Inv	91	..	0.1	
325	214	Gov Asian Sm Co's	230	..	0.1	
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	116½	- 1½	0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	144			
95½	80	Gov Eb Smlr	84			
112	78	Govett High Inc	84	..	7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental	377	..	0.4	
363	231	Govett Strategic	237	..	3.6	
475	402	Greenfriar	402	..	2.1	
19	6	Gresham House	19			
303	227	GT Japan	239	- 4	0.7	
78	64½	H Govett Smlr Co	70½	..	1.1	
138	113	Hend Hight	118	..	6.1	
293	257	Hend Strat	277	..	0.2	
105	86	Hoold	91			
116	89½	HTR Jap Smaller	105	- 1	0.5	
27	13	IGS Ent	15			
119	94	IGS UK Smlrs	98	..	3.5	
155	134	Inv Cap	125½	- ½	5.2	
99	87	Int Biotech	87			
50	30	Int Wts	32			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	148			
96	88½	J Fry 2nd Ut	96	..	8.4	
94	94	J Fry Euro U	94	..	6.4	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	223			
121	102	Jupiter Intl Gro	102	..	4.2	
243	195	Kiwi Chd	198	..	3.2	
149	115	Klnwt E Mkt	117	- 3		
124	105	Klnwt End	115			
88½	73½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	75½	..	1.3	
49	33½	Klnwt Euro Wts	35			
116	79	Klnwt H Inct	81	..	11.8	
272½	224	Klnwt O'seas	231	- 1	1.8	
165	125	Klnwt Smlr	127	..	3.1	
201	119¼	Latn American	119¼	- 5¾		
826	672	Law Debenture	729	- 1	3.3	
129	93	Lazard H Inct	96½	..	8.3	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	81			
35	28	Lloyds Sm Div	28½	..	15.6	
129	107	Lloyds Sm Ptg	110	..	4.0	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	160	..	4.9	
108	80	Lon Smaller Co's	80	..	5.0	
334	265	Lowland	265	..	4.1	
1440¼	887½	Lydenburg	1387½	..	1.7	
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	535			
151	115	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	118	..	25.4	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2610			
353	285	M&G Dual Inc	290	..	30.3	
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	65½	..	9.4	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29			
45	36	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	36½	..	16.9	
137	117	M&G Inc Package	121	..	5.1	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	54½			
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	30	- ½		
72¼	60½	M&G Rec Geared	60½	- 1	8.0	
37½	28¼	M&G Rec Inc	28¼	- 1¼	16.8	
151	126	M&G Rec Package	130	- 1	3.7	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	73	- ½		
128	99	M Currie Euro	106	..	0.3	
180	133	M Currie Pac	136	..	0.3	
227	180	Majedie	197	..	3.3	
57	44	Marsuko	55			
125	92½	Merc Wld Mg	94½	+ 1		
324	237	Merchants	259	- 3	5.4	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pvt	82	+ ½	0.9	
45	27	Mercury Wts	28½			
52½	29	Mercury Wld Wts	30			
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	510	..	1.7	
158	126	Morg Gren Inc	132	- 1	4.5	
64	39	Morg Wts	43½	+ ½		
111	81	Morg Latn Amer	81	- 3½		
65	39	Morg Wts	45	- 4		
148	109	Murray Ent	115	..	2.3	
68	54	Murray Euro	57½	..	0.6	
393	317	Murray Incm	319	- 1	4.6	
395	319	Murray Intl	329	- 1	4.8	
164½	153	Murray S/C DP	164			
174	129	Murray S/C Cap	139			
97	77	Murray S/C Inc	78		17.0	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	3250		4.3	
548	434	Murray Smaller	489½	- 5	1.5	
363	302½	Murray Vent	335		4.7	
58	21	Murray Ent Wts	32			
23½	16	Murray Eu Wts	16½			
58	15	Newmarket	16			
85	56	Nedrog Inc	56		5.3	
104	63	Nedrog Cap	63			
404	335	O'seas Inv Tst	340	- 1	1.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	198			
640½	433	Pacific Assets	453	- 2	0.2	
542	335	Pacific Wts	362	- 2		
120	89	Perpetual Jap	94			
9100	7300	Personal Assets	8850		2.4	
153	124	Pilot Inc	125		1.5	
96	87	Piper Eur Sm	87			
92½	88	Prolific Inc	91½	- ½		
186	164½	RIT Cap Ptsr	175	- 2	2.7	
38	25½	River Merc Am Cap	37			
121	100	River Merc Am Inc	100	- 1	9.8	
17	9½	River Merc Am Wts	9½	- ½		
150	114	River Merc Cap	120			
147	85	River Merc Eu Inc	87	+ 2	11.2	
49	14	River Merc Eu Incm	14	- 1		
116	82	River Merc Grs Inc	83		11.3	
35	23	River Merc Grs Pfd	25			
127	110	River Merc Tst Incm	110		10.5	
40	22	River Merc Wts	22	- 1		
170	119	River Merc Sm Co	126		4.7	
77	21	River Merc Sm Wts	32			
449	405	Rolinco	407	- 2	5.1	
463	415	Robeco	415	- 2	1.5	
99	82	Schroder Jap Gwth	88			
52	36½	Schroder Jap Gwth Wts	36			
7772¼	7614	Schroder Korea Fd	849	- ¼	6.2	
650½	411	Scot Korea Fd Wts	440			
113½	103	Scot Spl Zero Div	109½	- ½		
37	27½	Scot Spl Fd Cap	29½			
129	108	Scot Spl Fd Inc	111		6.4	
99	66	Scot UK Gwth	92		1.0	
42	30	Scot UK Gwth Wts	32			
262½	207	Scot	209		3.1	
183	146	Scot American	153½	- ½	3.3	
368	238	Scot Asian	256			
1070	663	Scot Inv	675			
97½	77	Scot Eastern	77½	- ½	2.4	
254½	205	Scot Mtge	217½	- 1½	1.2	
106½	90	Scot Nat Tst	91	- ½	10.2	
133½	104	Scot Valuet	105½	- ½	2.4	
1795	1475	Second Alliance	1518		2.5	
105	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	- ½	4.9	
179	143	Selective Asset	142		1.2	
161	128	SHIRESCOT	131		4.2	
51½	33½	Sphere Inv	35		13.4	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	303		3.3	
412	310	Temple Bar	345	- 2	4.5	
135	99	Throgmtn Assets E	104		3.6	
568	460	Throg Dual Cp	482			
191	70½	Throgmorton	72½	- ½	4.0	
164½	115	Tpltn Emg Mkt	115	- 2	0.9	
177½	123½	TR City Of Lon	147½		4.4	
205	141	TR Far East	142		5.1	
124½	36	TR Pacific	109	- 1½		
43½	31½	TR Property	31½		3.6	
225	179	TR Smlr Cos	183½		2.6	
152	102	TR Tech Inv	103	- ½	2.1	
406	190	Torrey Trust	193	- 3	1.3	
369	231	USDC Invest	231	- 1	2.4	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	115½		4.5	
109	61	Wigmore	64		1.0	
257½	205	Witan	229½		3.2	
113	99	Yeoman Inct	99		17.3	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	61	1st Choice	113		5.9	
40	36	Abern Sth H	30			
578¼	416	Airtours	436	- 1	3.5	10.5
46¼	17	Aid Les	17			
177	135	Alpha Airprts	144		3.5	
48	36	Arcadian	40			
131	85	Baldwin	115		3.8	19.8
333	224	Barr & W 'A'	224		5.6	9.3
250	135¼	Bluebird Toys	220	- 6	3.4	6.5
365	231	Boosey Hwks	333		1.9	19.7
7¼	2¼	Brent Walker	3			
200	100	Bristol Scotts	183		2.0	
7½	1¼	Buckingham Intl				
256	114	Chrysalis	256		1.6	37.8
94	74	City Centre Rest	81	+ ½	2.7	16.4
374	305	Compass Gp	338		2.5	
290	232	Eurocamp	239		5.2	9.9
213	78	Euro Disney	140	- 1		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½			
455	308	Fairline Boats	447	+ 3	4.4	
350	245	First Leisure	274		3.0	18.2
285	209½	Forte	237	- 2	4.0	28.1
207	169	Friendly Hotels	174		4.1	39.1
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
598	475	Granada	506	+ 1	2.5	16.4
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	37		9.4	5.4
216	125	Hornby	134		8.4	11.7
173¼	142½	Jarvis Hotel	158¼	- ¼	4.4	14.1
18¼	11¼	Kunick	15		4.3	
299	200	London Clubs	281		5.3	14.3
217½	145	Ladbroke	166	- 3	2.6	29.3
104	63	Magnolia	63		0.2	
140½	107¼	Man Utd	129		4.1	
109¼	68	Mandarin Orntl	76	- 3½	4.2	19.8
15	11¼	My Kinta Town	11½			
67	34	Northern	67	+ 1	5.6	11.1
102	65½	Pelican Gp	80		2.0	16.7
141	109	PizzaExpress	122		2.0	18.8
183	111	Prism Leisure	111		4.7	7.8
43	21	Quadrant Grp	38	+ 1		
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	247		2.3	37.2
447¼	355¼	Rank Org	415	- 2	3.8	26.6
31½	18¼	Ryan Hotels E	27½	+ 1	4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913		0.5	
92	60¼	Stakis	85		1.8	30.6
350	295½	Stanley Leisure	345		1.9	19.4
345¼	280	Tanjong	290		0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1033	- 2	4.2	19.7
187	75	Tottenham Hot	160	- 3	0.8	42.9
163	129	VCI	161		1.6	14.4
149	112	Vardon	135	- 2	1.1	23.9
18	6	Wembley	5½			
149	110	Zetters Gp	135		7.9	

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	339		2.2	30.7
355	198	Adscene	305	+ 6	2.7	21.8
33	17¼	Aegis Gp	29			
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	+ ¼		
26	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	156	- 1	6.9	13.4
13½	5½	Birkdale	6			
345	320	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	218	Blenheim Gp	247	- 7	6.2	9.2
205	133	Bodes TV	198		2.7	16.4
413	365	Bristol	392		4.2	37.4
259	255	B Sky B	256½	- 1		48.1
152	117½	CIA Gp	131	..	1.7	21.2
459	335	Capital Radio	345	+ 2	2.9	
1047	797	Carlton Comm	891	- 2	2.9	17.0
95	75	City of Lon	59		6.2	13.5
1850	1100	Clear Maing	1359¼		1.5	22.2
1457¼	857¼	Daily Mail 'A'	1009¼		2.0	24.6
232	163	Dorling Kind	225	+ 5	1.3	36.1
468	335	EMAP	405	+ 6	2.8	22.2
687	532	Ecuns	650½	- 7½	2.5	21.3
1375	1450	Euromoney Pby	1545	- 2	3.2	
17½	8	Face	11½			
455	309	Flextech	399	- 1		
1222	675	GWR Gp	683		1.9	
275	162	Gold Greenless	162		3.1	19.3
34	22½	Goodwill	25		0.2	
355	279	Grampian	319	- 1	3.1	17.0
172	105	HTV Group	115		1.6	30.2
194	32	Harrington	35		3.6	
575	298	Haynes Pub	230		3.3	17.2
424	329	Hodder Hdline	370		2.0	53.7
182	125	Home Counts	162		2.9	29.7
341	275	Independent	272		2.8	16.1
237	151	Intl Bus Comm	234	+ 2	1.9	11.4
182	119	Interlink	120		7.3	
187½	137½	Johnston Press	141	- 3	1.7	15.7
35	25	Lopex	30		1.6	22.6
110	43	MAID	69			
540	332	Metal Bulletin	539	- 1	2.6	28.0
177½	122	McCann Ind	115	- 1	3.0	15.7
202	122	Mirror Gp	138	+ ½	1.0	6.8
451	344	More O'Ferrall	361		4.5	21.3
243	242	News Corp	248	- 1	0.6	15.2
374	297	News Intl	278		0.8	11.6
50	23½	Osprey Comms	30		0.4	
725	551	Pearson	563	- 2	3.0	19.0
445	327	Phonelink	372			
763	632	Portsmth Sund	606		2.3	12.4
335	249	Quarto	250		3.0	13.6
824	722	Reed Intl	803	+ 1½	3.0	34.3
529¼	474	Reuters	465	- 6	1.9	25.0
179	127	Saatchi	139	- 8		26.9
616	396	Scot Radio	559		3.0	
574	355	Scot TV	420	- 2	3.7	25.2
40	25½	SelecTV	32¼			
57	20¼	Shandwick	40½		1.2	6.1
251	187	Southnews	244		1.1	24.5
155	36	Sterling Pub	98		4.7	9.2
153	117	Sunday & Vere	126	- 1	4.2	10.5
40½	25	Taylor Nelson	34½		2.2	20.8
522	270	Telegraph	270	- 9	4.4	12.1
885	656	Thomson Corp	765		4.9	36.2
472	367	Trinity Intl	371		3.4	17.1
750	515	Ulster TV	663	- 1	3.1	20.4
521	472	Utd Newspprs	481	+ 6	5.9	11.6
151	106	VIF	106		4.7	11.4
36½	12	WCRS	12		10.0	6.1
122	55¼	WPP	108	+ ½	1.2	15.5
461	150	Yorkshire TV	380	- 3		

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	95		4.0	
3852¾	1767½	Ang Am Coal	3692¼		2.6	19.4
2796½	2509¼	Ang Am	3606	- 45¼	2.0	32.5
7331¼	4590¼	Ang Am Gold	6221¼	- 199¼	4.3	16.4
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25			
1512½	1198½	Ashanti	1278¼	- 12½		
166	107	Ashton	107	- 3	5.0	
957	773½	Broken Hill	957	- 40	2.2	37.3
402	230	Bahrrick	245			
451	234½	Beatrix	392		4.6	21.9
33	34	Bercin	34		2.5	29.4
184	99½	Blyvoors	101¼	- 3¼		
64	30	Bougainville	37			
20	12¼	Bracken	18		5.0	
899	513	Buffels	662	- 23¼	9.9	
6	3	Buik	4			
956	745½	CRA	874	- 27	2.5	26.4
77	42	Central Pacific	51	+ 5		
55½	36	Cluff Res	41½			
143	28¼	Coal Inv	77			
200	65	Cons Murchison	216		2.9	
1750	1318¼	De Beers	1475		3.6	15.4
148	88	Deelkraal	101¼	- 3¼	3.6	8.8
101¼		Doornfontein	66	- 3¼		
1036½	665¼	Driefontein	932	- 39¼	5.0	12.4
941¼	577¼	Durban	692	- 7¼		
203¼	107	E Rand Gold	168¼		12.3	5.4
122¼	58¼	E Rand Prop	76			
75	48	Eastern Trans	70		3.3	16.6
513	300¼	Elandsrand	448		3.6	10.2
447¼	220	Eng China Cl	365	- 1	5.6	17.5
1239	741½	FS Cons	920	- 55¼	6.4	11.2
82	27	FS Dev	60		2.1	
2081¼	1193¼	GFSA	2061¼		1.8	30.6
80¼	45	GM Kalgoorli	49	- 2	3.0	17.5
239¼	108½	Gencor	220¼	- 8¼	1.2	27.3
128	75	Gold Fields Prop	118		7.9	
32	14	Greenwich R 'A'	15½			
202	105½	Grootvlei	153½	- 8¼	6.2	8.0
95¼	67	Hamilton Cons	86	- ¼	1.1	10.1
680½	319½	Harmony	587½	- 31¼		
430	268¼	Hartebst	280¼	- 15	9.6	8.7
1560¼	831¼	Impala Plat	1528¼	- 46¼	1.6	46.6
230	118	Kidston	139	+ 5	9.4	11.6
1315¼	890¼	Kinross	1071¼	- 6¼	4.5	14.7
1094¼	568¼	Kloof	904	- 35¼	4.1	8.2
137	69¼	Leslie	131¼	- 3¼	8.9	7.0
368¼	176¼	Lorraine	288	+ 3¼		
39	17	Malakotang	28	- 1		
3	2½	Messina	3			
162	103	MIM	105	- 8	2.3	
1762½	1468¼	Minorco	1525		2.4	
324	158	Monarch	171			
202¼	88	NSM	93			8.7
201¼	146¼	Nth Brkn Hill	168	- 6	3.2	23.9
94	45	Oryx Gold	50			
101	65	Pancontinental	81	- 3		
463	250	Peko Wallsnd	250	- 5	0.5	
199	124¼	Placer Pac	179	- 3		
426	317	RJB	329	- 1	4.6	15.9
905	790	RTZ	818	- 11	3.2	23.3
49	31	Rockwood	31			
650	187¼	Rand Mines	650		1.7	57.3
840¼	547¼	Randfontein	680	- 47¼	7.3	8.6
295	207	Renison	227	- 10		
1809¼	1078¼	Rustnbrg	1681¼	- 71¼	1.8	
112	66	St Barbara	73	- 4		
756	503¼	St Helena	588	- 19¼	7.5	
280	195	Sons Gwalia	227	+ 2	5.4	14.2
30	16	Silvern Pacific	22	+ 2		
2887½	1484¼	Southvaal	1796¼	- 50	4.9	20.6
5	1½	Stamm	1½			
143	73	Sulfontein	75		28.6	2.6
261½	90	Unisel	194	+ 4	3.1	14.7
7600	4943¼	Vaal Reefs	5521¼	- 253¼	4.7	8.9
23	7½	Venkos Coll 2	12		10.3	2.9
545	450	Wallis Blake	533		2.9	20.1
1213½	508¼	Western Areas	1036	- 31¼	4.8	14.0
3576	2050	Western Deep	2471¼	- 95¼	4.2	8.5
398	300¼	Western Mng	363	- 16	1.1	54.4
1225	603¼	Winkelh	881¼		5.5	12.2
66	47	Zambia Copper	48			
68	48	Zandpan	48		9.3	10.7

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
44	24½	Aran Energy	43¼	- ¼		26.5
53	35	Arcon Intl	40			
74¼	51¼	Aus Oil & Gas	56	- ¼		
68	43	Avea Pet	51			
249	197	Br Borneo	222	..	4.0	10.4
258	252	British Gas	313¼	- 3	5.8	
437¼	340	Br Petroleum	422½	- 5	2.8	23.1
4	1½	Bula Resources	2½			
919	783	Burmah Castrol	832	+ 6	4.1	16.5
88	56	Cairn Energy	62			45.2
375	258	Caltex Gp	276	+ 3	5.7	13.3
51	33	Clyde Pet	38		1.2	
30	9½	Copley Res	10½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2½			
27½	17	Enm Oil & Gs	27½			23.2
486	370	Enterprise	390	- 2	5.1	
27	21	Fairhaven Intl	27		4.5	11.0
303	263	Floras	280		5.8	11.6
8¼	3¼	Fortune	5¼			35.3
77	54	Goal Pet	68	+ 2	2.7	21.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	41			
177	136	Hardy O & G	139	- 1	0.9	17.8
55	40	Icft Energy	52		3.2	20.9
169	110½	Lasmo	145	- 1	0.8	
73	48	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
75	55	Monument	64½			68.9
7½	3¼	New London	7½			
2540¼	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2496¼	- 12½	1.3	
9½	3½	Oceanics	4½			
50	36	Oil Search	45	- 3		
50¼	17½	Fenic	34¼	- ½		
168	140	Pict Pet	157			
27½	21	Premier	25			13.6
158	43	Presidio	43		15.5	
111	83	Primorell Rs	89	+ 1		
282	129	Ramco Egy	229	+ 5	0.5	
463	325	Ranger	380		5.4	
7700	6681¼	Royal Dtch Fl	6906¼	- 9¼	4.6	18.0
4084¼	3321¼	Schlumberger	3271¼	+ 50	2.3	
68	42	Scott Pickford	48		2.3	9.2
90	50	Seafield	87	- 1		
758	651	Shell	696	- ½	4.5	21.1
187	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3481¼	Total	3737½	- 40¼	4.8	
19	9½	Vittera Grp	9½			
245	178¼	Woodside	239	- 10	1.7	
110	28	XCL	45	- 5		

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	79		6.6	6.5
129	96	Baltic Plc	129		1.9	8.2
185	78	Berry Brn Ntl	78		8.2	11.8
215	152	Bidtec Inv	153	- 1		
154	108	Bricom Dolphin	114	...	6.4	8.4
757	520	Caledonia	642		3.2	17.5
2650	1900	Camellia	2125		1.9	5.7
22½	19	Carlisle	21½	- ½	1.2	
£30¼	445	Cater Allen	448		7.9	9.2
174¼	125	Cattles	145		4.5	16.2
85	35	Cordis	37			77.5
93	60	Cepherent	74	- 2	4.5	
16	12	EFG	14		0.9	9.1
71½	45½	EFT Group	67		3.5	13.1
740	513	EFM	731	- 1	4.1	22.0
212	158	Ensco	159		6.7	4.4
229	157	Gartmore	184	- 1	2.7	21.3
515	395	Gerrard Ntl	422		6.2	13.9
465	303	Gavien	356	- 1	5.2	5.9
1358	645	Henderson Adr	1060	- 2	5.2	15.9
251½	151	Invesco	165	- 2	2.8	27.2
50	37	Investment Co	42		5.7	12.7
350	185	Ivory Sime	322		4.2	17.3
317	190	Jordan Grp	227½	- 12½	5.7	9.0
421	103	Johnson Fry	140		1.4	4.4
176	105	King Sampson	105		10.9	10.2
145	135	Lit Fortune	161		1.2	13.1
130	95	Lon Scot Bk	120		3.7	18.2
1242	794	M & G	985	- 10	2.6	17.0
325	218	MAI	221	- 1	4.4	12.7
117½	85½	MAI 5.3% Cv Pf	98½			
779	538	MEPC	701	+ 7	4.1	15.4
29¼	8½	Nat Home Loan	15¼			
1268	970	Perpetual	1166	- 3	3.8	12.5
572	415	Provident	541		4.1	11.4
365	245	Rathbone Br	247	+ 2	4.3	12.2
29	21½	Rotland Tst	26½		4.2	17.3
365	281½	S & U	295		4.6	9.5
425	163	Schroder	159	+ 1	6.7	6.3
188	105	SP Capital	111	- 2	3.4	7.9
496	324	Smith New Ct	436	- 2	2.9	3.8
604	353	Smm Parc A	373	+ ½	2.5	
234	78	Towry Law	78		7.2	6.7
65	22	Tnd Hldgs	35	...	0.5	11.3
199	87	Union	92		6.1	9.5
31	20	Western Selectn	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	537	- 4		
498	328	Cantab Pharms	338	- 5		
243	191	Celltech	236			
151	88	Chiroscience	97			
47	25	Cortecs	35			
157	197	Fisons	108	- 2	3.1	
725	520	Glaxo	667	- 1	5.1	16.1
185	95½	Grampian Hlg	100		6.9	18.5
187	120	Medeva	164	- 1	2.2	13.2
5	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	252		2.2	14.7
295	232	Scotia	283	+ 9		
83	44	Shield Diag	56			
475	357½	SmithKline	461		3.3	18.0
440	322	Smmdne Utst	432	- 1	3.6	16.8
731	498	Wellcome	686	- 14	3.1	15.6
900	672	Zeneca	873	- 7	4.0	17.5

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	126		5.5	11.9
444	335	API	279		3.0	
316	233	Arjo Wiggins	233	- 5	3.5	35.1
295	145	Adam Comp	165		5.8	16.8
472	347	Bemrose	380		4.1	13.6
171	97	Blagden	113		1.7	52.9
524	433	Bowater	421	- 1	3.6	16.2
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1681¼	- 25		
297	242	Boxmore Int	262	- 2	2.0	16.0
515	435	Br Polythene	502		3.1	17.6
176	30	B. Thomnont	36	+ 2	15.6	3.2
180½	117	Bruton Grp	117		2.7	17.3
186	139	Bunzl	159	- 5	3.0	19.9
198	129	Cascad Inds	144		3.9	11.3
2446½	1890¼	Carnaud Mtl	2143¼	- 6¼	2.2	16.7
439	282	Cropper James	282		1.5	14.8
1035	825	De La Rue	934	- 4	2.8	17.0
114	76	Delyn Group	80		2.6	14.5
137	103	Dolphin Pack	103		5.5	13.2
101	75	Fairway Group	92		4.7	17.2
430	296	Ferguson Intl	304		5.2	12.2
145	120	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
30	14	Huntsprint	21¼			
230	150	Inveresk	160		3.9	9.6
286	248	James Fisher	290		2.4	18.3
438	384	Low & Bonar	401	+ 1	3.2	16.0
69	44½	MY Holdings	50		4.0	11.9
271	223	Macfarlane	257		2.0	20.7
250	149	Phsart	163		5.4	23.3
1040	513	Portals	1035	+ 1	2.0	37.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	337		2.4	17.7
1153½	494½	Sappi	1136	- 8¼	0.5	
30½	9	Sena	9	- ½		
351½	185	Shorewood	199		6.9	
573	398	Smith David	505	- 5	3.0	
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	384	+ 10	1.4	54.8
119	82	Sonnet	97		3.5	10.4
45	18½	Unit Group	34			
270	182	Wace	240		2.1	15.3
291	209	Waddington (J)	213		5.1	10.4
511	365	Watmough	413		2.1	26.1
149	98	Wyndeham	140		2.6	17.8

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	91	Allied Lon	92		5.3	11.8
276	253	Argent	261			
80	63	Arlesian Ests	75			
144	109	Asda	111	- 1	2.5	19.7
382½	233	Bilton	250	..	4.8	18.2
283	208	Birdayt	213		4.0	15.7
39½	14	Bolton Gp	16	+ 1		48.8
108	70	Bourne Endt	72		1.3	
276	170	Bradford	183	- 1	4.6	15.4
137	103	Brightstone	120	- 2	3.9	27.2
474	333	Br Land	382	- 1	2.5	35.3
276	168	Brixton	171		5.9	15.2
119	86	Burford	89	- 3	2.2	28.9
112	96	CLS Hldgs	101		6.0	
307½	125¼	Cap & Regnl	137		1.5	31.0
229	191	Cap Saco Crs	199	- 4	4.1	47.9
328	203	Carroll Prop	239		1.4	51.0
88	39	Carey Ind	28	- ½		
185	130	Chelsfield	157	- 3	1.9	53.3
678	413	Chesterfield	433		3.5	19.4
113	98	Chesterton Int	88		4.7	12.4
75	36	City Sue Est	52			10.4
12½	5½	Clarke Nickolls	6		2.1	12.5
87½	71½	Compco	77½		6.3	
56	29	Conrad Rotor GS	39		2.5	35.4
1755	1195	Daejan	1195		3.0	13.9
25½	5	Dares Estates	8	- 2		
17	4	Dc Morgan	#5½			
156	95	Debenham Tst	95		4.6	15.4
189	161	Dencora	163		2.5	45.8
347¼	240	Derwent Hldgs	242	+ 1	2.4	21.7
48	17	Development Sec	19		0.7	
51	45	Dewent	45		2.1	
45	25	Beco	25	+ 1		
460	275	Estates Agency	350		4.6	
47	18	Estates Gen	23½			
132	97	Evans Of Leeds	110		3.0	18.4
43½	23	Ex-Lands	25		1.2	
90	64	Fiscal Prop	65		1.2	
37	23½	Five Oaks	24½	- ½	2.6	10.3
78	36	Fletcher King	44		6.0	15.6
51	38	Folkes Group	44		4.3	
51	36	Folkes Group nv	41		4.6	23.3
536	407	Frogmore	414	- 1	5.1	15.0
325	228	Grainger	241	- 1	3.1	
260	167½	Gt Portland	175	- 4	5.9	29.9
126½	118	Greycoat	124		0.6	
94	38½	Hambro Cntye	38¼		0.8	39.1
435	298	Hammerson	345	- 1	3.6	34.4
390	298	Helical Bar	318		2.4	11.4
40½	27½	Hemingway	28		1.8	48.1
78	20	Herring Baker	20		6.2	
75	45	High-Point	45		1.4	
269	116½	HK Land	119	+ 1½	5.4	
311½	136½	Jermyn	154			77.1
792	543	Land Secs	595	- 1½	5.1	17.0
16	5	Lan & Metro	8			0.3
122	86	Lon Merch Sect	95		5.5	14.0
562	333	MEPC	374	- 5	6.7	20.4
13½	6	McInerney A	6½			
190	162	McKay Secs	163		4.0	16.1
86	55	Marvale Mre	63		4.0	10.1
55	27	Moorfield Est	30		4.2	
1425	1125	Mountview	1125		3.5	8.7
196	144	Muckow (A&J)	148		5.3	19.7
2½	¼	ORB	¼			1.0
64	29	Olives Prop	32			11.9
191	135½	PSIT	136		4.3	19.2
399	218	Peel	236	- 1	2.4	34.8
162	138	Pilco Prop	150	- 2	3.1	
12½	2½	Power Corp	3¼			
9¼	4½	Premier Land	6¼			
77	56	RPS Group	70		4.6	12.6
53	31	Raglan	32			7.9
40	23½	Regalian	28			6.9
180	140	Rowlinson Secst	155		1.5	9.9
134	97	Rugby Est	98		2.9	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	46	- 1	3.3	11.5
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	62		5.4	18.1
100	53	Savills	55		5.1	8.9
108	64	Scot Met	71	- 1	3.5	8.3
135	86	Shaftesbury	86		1.5	
307	207½	Slough Estates	222	- 8	4.6	47.5
103	50	Southend Prop	54	- 1	5.6	
133	100	Specty Shops	103		2.9	
50	5	Stanhope Prps	#8			
40½	22	TBI	40½			1.8
244	163	Tops Ests	164		1.7	41.6
130½	92½	Town Centre	99		5.8	15.3
107	81	Trafford Park	85	+ 1	4.6	
29½	15	Trencherwood	19	- 3		
58	28	UK Land	40			
317	212	Warner	214		6.5	20.6
260	218	Warnford	225		4.4	18.4
7½	1½	Waterglace	#2			
109½	62	Wates	72½	+ ½		
45	29	Whinney Mkt	34			
105	61	Wood Jons D	65		3.8	
30	15	YRM	17			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	50½	ASDA Group	67½	- ½	3.4	15.4
315	222½	Argyll	263	- 3	5.5	11.2
505	413	Bate Bros	456		2.0	16.4
45	24	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
17	11¼	Cullens	12½			
137	65¼	Dairy Farm Intl	69½	- 3	5.3	9.4
394	344	Farepak	356		2.3	20.2
60	37	Fitzwilton	41	+ 1	11.0	
108	87	Fyffes	98	- 1	1.9	16.8
371	165	Geest	180	+ 4	5.6	
1360	653	Greggs	1078		2.2	20.2
480	325	Greenerest	400	- 2	3.5	
211	133	Iceland Group	153	+ 1	3.2	9.5
656	523	Kwik Save	561	- 1	4.4	9.9
18	9	Merchant Retail	12			
149	99	Morrison Wm	140	- 1	0.9	16.3
232	161	Nurdin Peack	163		5.1	9.0
146	83½	Park Foods	122		2.4	24.9
5½	1½	Rectina Hill	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury Jt	412		3.3	14.5
256	200½	Tesco	243	- 4	4.1	12.2
198	152	Thorntons	172		3.6	14.1
422	279	Watson& Phlip	370	- 4	4.9	15.0

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	31			
246	199	Alldec	207	- 1	4.1	
410	307	Argos Plc	346	- 5	3.0	18.2
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	77		0.2	
357	120	Aspreyt	139		5.4	11.5
246	176	Austin Reed	207		3.3	10.4
168	132	Beattie (J) A	135		5.7	17.6
150	110	Bentalls	119		2.1	41.2
165	36	Betterware	51		6.9	5.5
48	29	Blacks Leist	35		8.0	
245	181	Body Shop	190		1.4	16.7
601	458½	Boots	497		3.9	15.8
12½	3½	Brown & Jackson	7½			
263	205	Brown (N)	224	+ 2	2.4	19.9
74½	51	Burton	69½	- 1½	3.6	20.8
245	148	Cadtos	149		3.4	
280	220	Carpetright	236		2.7	19.7
240	152	Christies Int	176	- 2	1.4	31.1
520	358	Church	400		3.4	24.4
171	95	Clinton Cards	95		6.2	13.8
170	81	Clery Canada	86		6.2	24.7
905	720	Courts Furnton	805		0.9	40.9
310	155	Crown Ever	185		6.8	8.0
353	245	DFS Furntre	271		3.3	
297	170	Dnons Grp	187	- 1	4.4	19.9
580	330	Dys (Nwdon)	580		3.8	27.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
685	528	Allied Domecq	535	- 1	5.3	14.5
459	365	Bulmer (HP)	392		3.5	22.6
140	105	Burn Stewart	117		5.2	29.7
596	374	Grand Met	397	- 3	4.5	17.5
542	421	Guinness	447	- 2	3.7	14.7
457	353	Highland Distl	433	- 4	2.1	22.0
327	127	Macallan Glen	211		0.7	55.3
710	385	Matthew Mcc A	685		1.8	23.5
614	515	Marston Dist	539	- 2	4.2	12.6
250	61	Merrydown Wt	83	- 2	5.0	
190	142	Taunton Cider	152	+ 2	5.5	11.8

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	94	ACT Group	102		6.4	19.5
743	583	ADT	673	+ 5		
46	34	Alphameric	41	+ 1		31.3
140	69	Aus Sec	70			9.1
162	99	BET Ord	104	+ 2	4.1	14.5
195	115	BNB Res	177		3.6	21.7
256	179	BPF	235		4.7	16.5
188	130	BSM	131		6.2	11.1
1	½	Black & Edg	¼			
1100	500	Borland	500			
226	153	Brit Data Mgt	178		3.8	
79	57	Brook Service	63		3.3	
117¼	72	CRT Gp	80	- 1	5.2	19.4
238	156	Capita Group	164		2.1	20.5
429	278	Chubb Sect	382	- 2	2.9	16.3
243	105	Compass People	240		1.3	35.2
82	41	Corp Services	62		2.5	23.7
97	48	Coutts Cnsltg	59	+ 2	0.8	
276	212	Davis Service	240	- 1	4.2	16.1
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	75		5.4	16.6
154	92	EW Fact	92	- 1	6.7	6.5
193½	125	El Data Prc	143		1.8	
334	261	Haye	282	- 1	2.7	19.2
289	182½	Hogg Robinson	183		5.0	18.9
39	18	Holmes Protecn	28			1.7
15	9	Ice Cm & Data	11			5.6
2696½	1556½	ISS B Dfl	1718¼		6.1	1.8
185	135	JBA Hldgs	154		1.9	15.7
414	230	Johnson Clean	230		5.9	9.3
145	99	Kalamazoo	109		4.0	12.3
298	221	Kewill Syst	239		3.9	8.8
35	17	Laser-Scan	17			
143¼	68	LBMS	80			
8	4	Lep	4½			
326	268	Lopex	325		1.9	22.9
264	96	MDIS	106		7.4	7.4
208	143	MMI Compl	208	+ 1	3.1	16.5
216	102	MR Data Mngt	125	+ 7	5.5	
723	423	Macro 4	435	- 3	5.7	12.2
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1790¼		0.2	
1320	790	Micro Focus	805	- 12		9.7
178	101	Microgen	102	+ 1	8.8	10.3
548½	408	Misys	409		2.8	
198	141½	MITIE Gp	198	+ 1	1.4	23.2
35	22	Novo Group	27		0.9	10.4
82	15	OIS Intl	24		9.9	4.5
84	60	P & P	74		3.9	18.4
118	85	Michael Page	117		2.8	28.7
143	90	Partly	126		2.2	39.2
235	150	Pegasus	150		4.2	75.1
115	82	Petrol	110	+ 2	4.5	
89¼	60¼	Proudfoot	70		6.2	12.0
415	290	RCO	304		6.2	10.5
48	27	Radnor	37		1.2	
179	73	Real Time	172	+ 1	2.9	13.1
177	104	Reed Executive	143		0.9	
163	105	Reliance Sec	144	- 1	4.4	
279	199½	Rentokil	230	+ 1	1.6	23.7
194	138	Ricardo Group	140		5.4	17.0
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	185		2.7	28.8
688	507	Sage Gp	675		2.0	
392	243	Salvesen (C)	277	+ 3	3.7	14.3
94	76	Sanderson Elect	82	+ 1	4.2	11.9
17½	9	Select App	13½			
438	310	Sema Gp	404	- 4	1.1	24.4
307	245	Serco Gp	281		1.6	25.6
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	86	+ 3		
130	92	Sketchley	93		4.3	15.6
254	171	Stat-Plus	172		5.6	16.3
146	100	Unipalm	117			
31	12½	Vistect	14		3.6	7.6
66	37	WSP Hldgs	45		5.5	25.2
338	295	Warner Howard	295		3.3	13.6

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	380	- 1½	5.6	13.5
543	352	Cable Wireless	377	+ 1	2.8	15.5
178	103	Filtronic Com	175	+ 1	0.5	38.9
1543	1146	Securicor	1530	- 8	0.2	37.9
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	984	- 6	0.4	24.6
892	605	Security Serv	815	- 5	0.9	25.8
221	157½	Vodafone	199	- 9	1.9	25.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	78	Albion	80		5.1	
230	131	Alexdra W	132		5.5	14.1
617	488	Allied Text	517		3.2	15.9
169	82	Alunst	83		13.2	26.3
45	31	Automagic	34			8.6
270	200	Baird (Wm)	212	+ 2	5.2	18.7
71	35	Beckman (A)	35		11.8	
290	226	Bnks (Peter)	242		2.3	17.4
119	74	Bridport-Gndry	116		3.2	9.6
226	171	Br Mohair	184		5.8	18.9
74	20	Campan	25			
104	80	Cassidy Bros	84		4.1	10.8
195	163	Chams Pnngst	182	- 2	5.0	23.9
385	292	Claremont Gs	311	- 2	3.0	17.3
287	184	Coats Viyella	192	- 1	5.4	16.7
593	417	Courtauld Text	459	+ 3	3.9	20.6
159½	114	Dawson	115		3.3	
143	97½	Dewhirst (I)	132		1.6	18.6
52	32	Dixon Heel	31		4.3	12.0
42	25	Drummond	26			11.7
25	14	Ebcel	14			
80	68	Faupel	68		9.0	11.5
155	136	Forminster	146	- 1	2.8	
29	14	Foster (John)	18			
126	94	French (Thomas)	95		4.8	18.9
82	46	Gold SR	73		3.9	
113	73	Haggas	86		4.3	
70½	11	Hanson	15½		2.6	
33	25½	Helene Plc	26½		9.5	10.3
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	234		2.6	16.6
91	63	Honeysuckle	64		5.9	
90	48	Horace Small	86		1.5	
211	173	Jacques Vert	188		3.0	16.5
73	55	Jerome (S)	58	+ 2	1.7	7.2
388	268	Jones Stroud	343		3.3	16.4
302½	125	Lambert	128		6.7	12.1
425	333	Lamont	342		4.6	11.4
340	265	Leeds	271		3.9	14.1
88	61	Leslie Wice Gp	65		7.7	13.7
101	68	Lyles (S)	82		5.3	8.5
26½	18½	Marling	26		3.2	
17	10	PEX	10			
266	158	Pasmnst	159		3.9	9.5
123	84	Pentland	106		3.4	21.0
75	52	Pittards	73		3.0	
112	59	Readicut	61½	- ½	7.0	10.4
92	64	Renmoor	65	- ½	5.4	6.9
96	35	Ronsrs	50		5.1	
70	42	SEET	55			
180	80	Sherwood Gp	83		4.6	9.6
180	63½	Stolon	140		3.1	8.5
146	98	Sirdar	103		6.6	14.9
64	50	Stirling Grp	54		7.5	14.9
36	19	Stang & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
69	40	Ur Sales	40		8.1	9.8
132	105	Ustic (Frank)	115		7.6	8.6
65	34	Vnct	65		2.4	16.9
111	72	Wensum	111	+ 1	3.2	16.2
289	229	Yorklyde	250		3.1	11.5

TRANSPORT

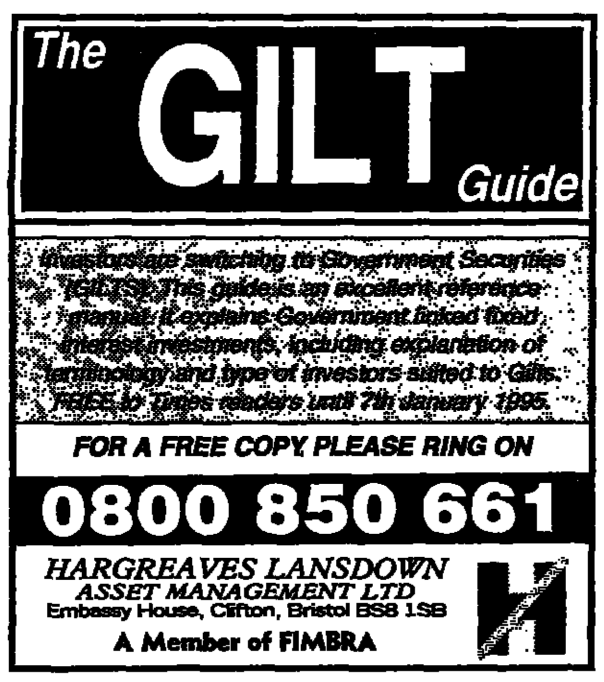
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	63		6.9	12.0
777½	619½	AB Nippon As	696¼	- 6½	0.3	
315½	228	Assoc Br Ports	270	- 1	2.3	21.5
641½	440	BAA	471	+ 1½	2.5	18.4
138	107	Babcock	136		3.8	
495½	344	Br Airways	361	- 2	4.0	9.8
79	27	Central Trns B	31			
108	75	Clarkson (H)	84	...	2.3	23.6
179	140	Dorrt	152	- 1	3.2	14.7
582½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	312	+ 15		
87	50	Fisher Llames	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	460		2.1	21.5
238	156	GRT Bust	230		2.1	17.8
168	113	Go-Ahead	168		3.0	20.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	199		3.8	15.6
155	126½	Intl Steam	134		4.1	10.2
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	66		3.1	
111	70	Lon O'Seas Frct	70	- 4	6.9	1.6
574	365	Mersey Docks	398		3.0	19.3
391	145	NFC	165	- 7	5.5	40.8
371	245	Nat Express	290	- 1	3.5	16.7
348	244	Ocean Group	280		6.4	14.1
91	56	Ocean Wilsons	68		5.9	9.9
743	597	P & O Dfd	596	- 14	6.4	19.4
209	153	P & O 5.5%	173	...	4.0	
102	84	Seacon	92		3.2	20.3
251	158	Stagecoach	228	+ 1	2.3	22.5
131	85½	TNT	106	- 4		
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	710	..	2.6	18.5
327	197	TDG	210	- 1	5.7	14.1
136	96	Uglands	127		2.4	
160	75	Utd Carriers	95		2.1	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	443	Anglian	509	- 1	5.3	11.5
385	293	Mid Kent Hlgst	298		4.5	10.1
611	454	North West	533	- 5	5.6	7.7
751	508	Northumbrian	736	- 14	4.3	7.9
645	457	Severn Trent	527	- 2	5.6	7.4
1965	1575	South Staffs	1860		3.7	11.2
675	450	South West	554	- 4	6.5	7.4
682	466	Southern	566	- 4	5.3	8.2
611	434½	Thames	485	- 1½	6.0	7.3
744	546	Welsh	628	- 12	5.1	7.0
379¼	261	Wessex	298	- 6	5.3	7.6
630	428	Yorkshire	515	- 10	5.7	7.6

Source: Finstat

† USM # Price at suspension † Ex dividend ‡ Ex scrip ▲ Ex rights issue ▼ Ex all § Ex capital distribution * Figures on report awaited. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.



BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
107¼	100¼	Treas 12% 1995	100¼		11.94	5.88
103¼	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	99		3.03	6.01
107¼	101¼	Exch 10¼% 1995	101¼		10.06	6.76
113¼	104¼	Treas 12¼% 1995	104¼	- ¼	12.16	6.94
117¼	105¼	Treas 14% 1996	106¼		13.11	7.20
121¼	109¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	109¼	- ¼	13.92	7.55
117¼	107¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	107¼		12.36	7.60
112¼	103¼	Conv 10% 1996	103¼	- ¼	9.69	8.08
121¼	109¼	Treas 13¼% 1997	109¼	- ¼	12.12	8.21
114¼	104¼	Exch 10½% 1997	104¼	- ¼	10.09	8.26
110¼	100¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	100¼		8.68	8.37
121¼	115¼	Exch 15% 1997	115¼	- ¼	12.95	8.49
114¼	102¼	Exch 9¾% 1998	103¼	+ ¼	9.46	8.56
106¼	96¼	Treas 7¼% 1998	96¼	- ¼	7.52	8.54
102	93¼	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94¼	+ ¼	7.11	8.62
131¼	115¼	Treas 14% 1998-01	115¼	+ ¼	12.15	8.70
140¼	121¼	Treas 15½% 1998	121¼	- ¼	12.74	8.59
125¼	110¼	Exch 12% 1998	110¼	- ¼	10.85	8.71
116¼	101¼	Treas 9½% 1999	102¼		9.23	8.63
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
128¼	111¼	Exch 12¼% 1999	112¼	+ ¼	10.92	8.73
121¼	105¼	Treas 10½% 1999	106¼	+ ¼	9.85	8.66
107¼	88¼	Treas 6% 1999	90¼	+ ¼	6.65	8.64
121¼	104¼	Conv 10¼% 1999	105¼	- ¼	9.68	8.71
116¼	99¼	Conv 9% 2000	101¼	- ¼	8.89	8.68
136¼	116¼	Treas 13% 2000	118	- 1	11.02	8.81
122¼	103¼	Treas 10% 2001	105¼	- ¼	9.50	8.83
109¼	89¼	Treas 7% 2001	91¼	- ¼	7.68	6.74
123¼	102¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	104¼	- ¼	9.32	8.87
113¼	92¼	Treas 8% 2003	95¼	- ¼	8.40	8.79
127¼	104¼	Treas 10% 2003	106¼	- ¼	9.37	8.85
129¼	109¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111¼	- ¼	10.29	8.97
86¼	69¼	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73¼	- ¼	4.77	7.47
125¼	101¼	Conv 9½% 2004	104¼	- ¼	9.10	8.81
105¼	84¼	Treas 6¾% 2004	87¼	- ¼	7.75	8.71
125¼	102¼	Conv 9½% 2005	104¼	- ¼	9.07	8.78
143¼	118¼	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120¼	- ¼	10.37	9.05
112¼	90¼	Treas 7¾% 2006	93¼	- ¼	8.32	8.69
111¼	91¼	Treas 8% 2002-06	94¼	+ ¼	8.47	8.75
136¼	112¼	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115¼	+ ¼	10.21	9.06
119¼	95¼	Treas 8½% 2007	98¼	+ ¼	8.63	8.69
151¼	124¼	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127¼	- ¼	10.61	9.05
124¼	99¼	Treas 9% 2008	102¼	- ¼	8.78	8.67
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115¼	91¼	Treas 8% 2009	94¼	+ ¼	8.45	8.68
126¼	100¼	Conv 9% 2011	103¼	+ ¼	8.71	8.61
127¼	100¼	Treas 9% 2012	103¼	+ ¼	8.69	8.59
93¼	71¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¼	+ ¼	7.49	8.35
117¼	92	Treas 8% 2013	94¼	+ ¼	8.43	8.54
114¼	89¼	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92¼	+ ¼	8.38	8.54
128¼	99¼	Treas 8¾% 2017	102¼	+ ¼	8.52	8.52
150½	126¼	Exch 12% 2013-17	129¼	+ ¼	9.26	8.75
UNDATED						
54¼	39¼	War Ln 3½%	41¼	+ ¼	8.52	
37¼	27¼	Treas 2½%	29¼	+ ¼	8.72	
INDEX-LINKED						
203¼	197¼	Treas IL 2% 1996	201¼	- ¼	2.68	4.19
113¼	105¼	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106¼	- ¼	3.13	3.96
176¼	163¼	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166¼	- ¼	3.45	3.89
173¼	159¼	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162¼	- ¼	3.54	3.89
118¼	107¼	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108¼	- ¼	3.56	3.88
184¼	165¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	168¼	- ¼	3.61	3.85
168¼	149¼	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152¼	- ¼	3.66	3.87
175¼	154¼	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157¼	- ¼	3.68	3.87
146¼	126¼	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129¼	- ¼	3.70	3.87
157¼	134¼	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138¼	- ¼	3.72	3.89
152¼	128¼	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132¼	- ¼	3.75	3.89
129¼	108¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110¼	- ¼	3.74	3.87
128¼	105¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109¼	- ¼	3.77	3.91

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 0585 259 783				
Brkland Amer	155.40	164.40	- 0.10	0.26
Brkland Equity	228.50	243.10	- 0.60	1.24
Brkland Euro	194.30	206.20	- 0.10	0.39
Brkland Expt Bal	102.90	112.90		2.76
Brkland Gilt	71.68	73.89	- 0.13	5.25
Brkland Japan	174.90	185.00	- 2.10	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 0203 553 231				
General Acc	517.20	550.30	- 0.90	2.81
General Inc	456.10	485.30	- 0.80	2.81
Uk Growth Acc	343.30	370.60	- 0.70	2.91
UK Growth Inc	238.40	253.70	- 0.30	2.91
Higher Inc Acc	656.80	698.80	- 1.00	4.06
Higher Inc Inc	379.60	403.90	- 0.50	4.06
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	179.80	189.90	- 0.50	6.10
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	87.39	92.32	- 0.26	6.10
Nth America	251.80	267.90	- 2.60	
Far East	346.00	368.10	- 3.10	0.07
Europe	257.70	274.20	+ 1.60	0.94
3rd Euro	52.99	73.40	- 0.08	3.11
Eml Fxd Inc Acc	98.60	104.90	- 0.20	4.67
Eml Fxd Inc Inc	72.33	76.95	- 0.17	4.67
Global Opps	61.02	65.20	- 0.57	0.38
Balanced Acc	52.52	55.88	- 0.15	3.05
Balanced Inc	51.24	54.52	- 0.14	3.05
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income:				
Gilt & Fixed Inc	125.00	132.70	- 0.30	7.73
High Inc Equity	155.40	166.20	- 0.70	4.74
Worldwide Bond	256.40	272.20	- 0.50	5.68
Capital Growth:				
American Growth	267.50	285.30	- 0.50	.80
Asian Pacific	310.10	329.90	- 2.30	
Assets & Emerging	250.70	266.70	+ 0.50	2.94
Currency & Energy	108.70	115.60	- 1.80	
Euro Capital Inc	127.70	136.60	+ 0.20	.71
(Accum Units)	135.40	145.60	+ 0.20	.71
General	218.00	231.90	+ 0.60	2.35
Japan	128.60	136.80	- 1.40	
Mastertrust	136.60	146.10	- 0.40	1.64
Uk Growth Grt	114.80	122.80	- 0.10	2.66
US Emerging Cos	129.90	138.10	- 1.30	
Income & Growth	309.00	332.60	+ 0.60	3.18
Ethical	63.71	63.30	- 0.05	3.05
International	112.80	120.00	- 0.80	.97
Dividend & Growth	57.93	61.63	+ 0.72	4.56
Global Gwth & Sec	66.17	70.57	- 0.16	2.61
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	816.19	816.85		
AETRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
America & Growth	42.70	43.71	- 0.01	0.71
Cash	50.19	50.19	+ 0.01	4.48
European	166.90	111.80	- 0.70	
Exempt	936.70	1010.01	- 2.30	1.65
Extra Income #	47.52	49.88	- 0.05	6.03
Far East Emg Ecn	110.70	117.20	- 0.10	0.53
Fixed Interest #	22.21	23.32	+ 0.01	8.86
Fund Inv Tst	170.60	178.90	- 0.10	0.34
Japan	183.20	191.90	- 2.00	
Latin American	58.42	61.23	- 1.81	0.79
Pacific	70.62	74.42	- 0.09	0.36
Property Share	61.04	64.07	- 0.22	2.13
UK Emerging Cos	60.50	63.51	- 0.18	1.95
UK Growth	42.60	45.29	- 0.02	2.58
Free World Port #	69.80	71.37	- 0.15	2.29
Ethical	53.16	62.10	- 0.28	2.83
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	40.56	42.56	- 0.01	7.73
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 549 3232				
British Growth	66.57	70.83	+ 0.13	2.72
British Income	77.77	82.73	+ 0.16	3.44
Select Portfolio	83.85	88.98	- 0.11	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.87	77.32	- 0.18	2.83
Income Builder Inc	66.27	70.50	- 0.13	3.01
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Enq: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts:				
Growth & Income	218.70	233.70	- 0.10	3.34
Capital	386.50	413.10	- 1.10	2.00
Balanced	647.00	691.60	- 1.60	2.88
Accumulation	£11.92	£12.74	- 1.00	3.18
Income Trusts:				
American Income	45.48	48.61	- 0.22	3.66
High Income	371.20	396.80	- 0.60	3.89
Equity Income	209.80	224.20	- 0.10	3.72
High Yield	227.60	243.30	- 0.20	3.57
Gilt Securities	32.16	33.94	+ 0.01	6.25
International Trusts:				
Amer Spec Sits	134.50	143.70	- 0.40	0.49
European Growth	33.03	35.27	- 0.01	0.01
International	155.50	166.20	- 0.20	0.70
Japan	211.40	225.40	- 1.70	0.07
Pacific	387.00	413.70	- 2.80	0.01
Secs of America	397.00	422.50	- 0.30	0.55
Worldwide Asset Val	46.23	49.41	+ 0.01	0.24
Specialist Trusts:				
Asset Value	492.40	526.30	- 0.10	2.42
Cons & Gilt	41.94	44.83	+ 0.02	5.18
Smaller Cos	159.80	170.80		1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	152.40	162.90		1.49
Recovery	127.90	136.70	- 0.70	1.52
Met Min & Cmdy	144.60	154.70	- 1.90	0.77
Global Earnings	328.80	351.40	- 0.70	1.92
Technology	157.40	168.20	- 2.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	423.30	452.50	- 1.00	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0293 526 911				
Central Dei Pers	34.90	38.59		3.06
Founders Pool Pers	60.02	62.35		2.28
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	67.41	71.71	- 0.21	1.95
International	62.12	66.08	- 0.60	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 031 222 4242				
America	299.90	290.70	- 5.10	..
Emrc	107.00	112.70	- 0.60	7.37
Brit Smlr Cos	92.54	99.83		1.51
Corp & Gen	63.99	68.07	- 0.02	5.50
Energy				
Europe	212.00	225.30	- 1.30	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	95.99	102.80	- 0.40	0.62
Income Gwth	331.50	353.80		4.49
Japan	324.10	344.30	- 3.70	
Pacific	99.64	106.00	- 0.10	0.75
UK Smlr Cos	50.02	53.21	- 0.12	1.30
Japan Fd	730.90	752.90	- 8.80	
Mngd Fd	156.20	176.70	- 0.60	2.99
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 071 483 6673				
Brit & Treas	208.20	292.30	- 3.40	1.31
Capital Gwth	104.50	110.10	- 2.30	2.44
Invest Opps	175.60	184.64	- 3.70	0.44
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 061 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts:				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	329.10	342.80	+ 1.10	3.92
European Bd Inc	78.05	91.15	- 0.21	1.77
Exempt	59.56	74.82	+ 0.01	4.41
Financial	69.89	73.90	+ 0.15	3.09
500	425.10	454.70	+ 0.50	2.56
General	261.70	279.30	+ 0.50	2.79
Property	247.10	264.30		6.27
Income	179.10	192.70	- 0.10	2.51
Income Trusts:				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00	- 0.10	4.63
Extra Income	111.30	119.10	- 0.30	4.35
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.35	57.19	- 0.12	9.02
Income	502.90	538.90	- 1.0	4.22
Income Builder	59.91	64.09	- 0.07	4.36
Int Income	59.19	62.97		3.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.19	119.60	+ 0.40	2.73
Leisure	117.30	125.40	- 0.20	1.54
Recovery	233.70	42.13	- 4.30	2.83
Small Cos Inc	41.65	44.56	- 0.02	1.36
Special Sits	256.20	284.70	- 0.50	1.32
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	125.10	125.90	- 0.60	0.71
Aust Acc	[illegible]	253.30	- 3.70	2.40
Aust Inc	130.50	135.20	- 2.20	2.41
Euro Gwth Inc	144.70	153.50	- 0.15	3.64
European Inc	154.30	164.20	- 0.10	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	182.30	196.91	- 2.50	
Japan (Acc)	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.50	
Japan Spec Sits	82.94	87.86	- 1.52	
Pacific Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.65	0.17
Amr Index	57.30	172.30	- 5.60	0.77
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 081 558 4070				
American Growth	77.96	83.62	- 1.32	
Emg Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.20	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
EDINBURGH/BRIT LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK General #	71.85	76.83	+ 0.14	3.54
(Accum Units) #	73.61	77.99	+ 0.15	3.54
Japan	64.54	68.29	- 0.75	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.12	94.00	- 0.17	7.31
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.24	65.07	- 0.04	6.33
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 061 837 5060				
Enviros	146.60	156.06	+ 0.20	1.75
UK Growth	159.10	169.30	- 0.30	2.40
UK Income	126.80	134.90	+ 0.10	4.47
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	179.50	190.30	- 0.40	2.08
-do- Income Dist	104.10	110.40	- 0.10	4.53
(Accum Units)	314.30	332.10	- 0.30	4.53
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.96	41.30	- 0.12	6.59
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
081 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	141.80	150.97	- 1.00	..
European Inc	74.41	78.78	+ 0.10	0.51
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.45	81.39	+ 0.13	2.02
Growth	400.90	426.50	- 0.30	2.47
Income & Growth	385.90	410.60	- 0.10	4.07
(Accum Units)	542.10	576.80	- 0.10	4.07
Japan & Gen	74.10	78.86	- 1.12	
Master Portfolio	£98.61	£102.43	- 47.00	2.04
(Accum Units)	£117.87	£122.24	- 56.00	2.04
Special Sits	98.64	95.43	- 0.28	2.50
High Yield	£12.41	£12.80		4.69

For Capital House see Newton

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.99	84.32	- 0.12	2.31
American Portfolio	85.29	90.86	+ 0.16	1.27

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Portfolio	91.56	97.59	- 0.10	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	66.17	70.22	- 0.72	
Pacific Portfolio	136.29	146.55		0.88
UK Inc & Growth	72.87	78.19	- 0.04	2.38
Utility & Bond	54.33	54.95	- 0.13	6.91
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	644.05	651.35		4.74
Fxd Int Sec	148.35	148.40		9.77
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 071 332 5000				
Uk General Tst	61.04	64.93	- 0.06	3.06
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 071 588 1815				
Inc	636.66	643.24		4.74
Accum	£26.83	£27.18		
Inc	120.70	120.96		9.55
(Accum Units)	185.70	186.17		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 071 837 7687				
Intl Growth	118.98	129.86	..	
UK Income	104.19	113.66		5.267
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	71.92	76.23	- 2.47	1.59
Beck Bio-Tech	23.83	25.35		
Acorn Ethical Tst	146.46	154.17		1.05
City Fin Assets	65.61	69.80		1.28
City Fin America	80.28	84.51	- 0.53	
City Fin Intl	74.35	78.26	- 1.16	0.35
City Fin Japan	168.78	177.83	- 1.41	
Fears Hor Cap	259.21	280.44		1.96
Fears Hor Inc	191.32	204.17		4.13
Buckley Wrld Gth	126.54	134.62	- 0.07	0.09
Falmouth Cap Gth	133.26	141.77		
Falmouth Intl	146.88	154.61		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.39	54.67		4.39
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.58	57.31	- 0.33	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.05	57.33		
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.88	37.30		0.36
Dragon Growth	63.54	70.52		0.41
Equity High Inc	75.42	83.67		4.10
(Accum Units)	106.98	112.50		4.10
European Gwth	48.49	51.56		0.82
Evergreen	27.48	29.39		
General Equity	79.47	84.32		2.67
Gilt & Fxd Int Sec	22.56	24.77		8.54
Japan Growth	53.52	56.64		
Pedigree Gwth	47.94	51.00		2.75
Ped Sml Coc Inc	29.18	31.04		1.27
(Accum Units)	30.32	32.25		1.21
Retirement Inc #	24.92	26.37		6.02
Special Sits	36.34	38.45		2.05
UK & Overseas	45.99	48.93		1.29
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0634 898 000				
Capital	63.36	67.76	- 0.07	2.35
Income	57.26	61.23	- 0.06	4.31
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds:				
Equity Inc	149.41	158.95	- 0.27	5.64
Fixed & Convertible	38.64	41.11	- 0.04	7.44
Monthly Inc Plus	46.94	49.94	- 0.04	8.97
Preference Share	45.49	48.38	- 0.08	7.64
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	101.60	102.70	- 0.10	1.32
UK Income	99.25	105.98	- 0.20	5.67
US Smaller Cos	286.10	306.00	- 1.40	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.21	48.59	+ 0.04	3.35
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.18	75.56	+ 0.03	4.35
Intl Growth	68.05	71.56		1.25
Investment Trust	85.30	90.75	+ 0.01	
UK Smaller Cos	76.25	80.91	+ 0.14	1.65
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 071 374 4100				
American Growth	51.90	55.45	- 0.57	
(Accum Units)	51.90	55.45	- 0.57	
Amer Smlr Cos	438.00	468.30	+ 1.20	
(Accum Units)	447.40	478.40	+ 1.20	
Capital Tst	299.40	318.40	+ 0.90	1.61
(Accum Units)	427.60	454.70	+ 1.20	1.61
Crest Smlr Cos	55.68	60.01	- 0.30	0.69
(Accum Units)	58.56	63.11	- 0.31	0.69
Convertible	122.25	130.00		5.67
(Accum Units)	247.50	263.20	- 0.16	5.67
Emerging Markets	71.81	76.50	- 0.91	
(Accum Units)	71.67	76.56	- 0.90	
European	111.70	119.30	- 0.30	0.15
(Accum Units)	117.10	124.68	- 0.25	0.15
Extra Income	315.60	335.60	- 0.20	4.04
(Accum Units)	467.10	496.80	- 0.30	4.04
Financial	113.60	122.50	- 0.20	0.30
(Accum Units)	119.50	129.00	- 0.20	0.30
Gilt Trust	59.03	61.70	- 1.00	6.37
(Accum Units)	83.56	86.18	- 1.43	6.37
Health Fund Inc	120.90	129.10	- 0.40	
(Accum Units)	120.90	129.10	- 0.40	
Income & Growth	180.60	192.10		3.32
(Accum Units)	272.76	290.10		3.32
Intl Growth	343.70	368.30	- 2.60	
(Accum Units)	381.70	408.90	- 3.00	
Japan & Gen	178.90	191.30	- 2.70	
(Accum Units)	180.60	193.30	- 3.70	
Managed Port Inc	99.66	104.90	- 0.30	0.46
(Accum Units)	105.50	111.10	- 0.50	0.46
Monthly Income	156.60	166.50	- 0.10	4.02
Quarterly Income	50.42	53.63	- 0.09	4.78
(Accum Units)	53.83	57.04	- 0.10	4.78
Recovery	322.90	345.70	- 1.30	0.13
(Accum Units)	380.10	406.40	- 2.10	0.13
UK Growth	50.88	54.32	- 0.11	2.29
(Accum Units)	52.63	56.19	- 0.12	2.29
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dst	361.90	385.80	+ 0.73	2.70
-do- Accum	764.46	813.10	+ 1.50	2.70
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.20	144.80	- 0.30	0.26
-do- Accum	142.00	151.00	- 0.18	0.26
FP Fixed Int Dist	126.70	133.86	- 0.40	7.10
-do- Accum	232.07	245.10	- 0.80	7.10
FP Intl Gth Dist	88.34	93.97	- 0.45	0.58
-do- Accum	92.38	98.27	- 0.47	0.58
FP Nth Amer Dist	176.80	187.20	- 0.90	1.19
-do- Accum	194.70	206.30	- 1.90	1.19
FP Pac Basin Dist	302.40	321.70	- 1.40	0.15
-do- Accum	308.70	328.30	- 1.30	0.15
Stewardship Dist	314.80	334.80	+ 0.10	2.66
-do- Accum	384.50	409.40	+ 0.10	2.66
Stewship Inc Dist	68.97	73.37		3.73
-do- Accum	88.94	94.61		3.73
N Am Stship Dist	92.50	98.40	- 0.74	0.75
-do- Accum	98.33	104.60	- 0.80	0.75
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	104.60	111.29	- 0.10	0.75
Open Cap Gth Acc	106.49	113.13	- 0.10	0.77
Cap Gth Inc Inc	100.70	107.10		1.76
Cap Gth Inc Acc	102.30	103.80	- 0.10	1.70
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.10	109.60	- 0.20	1.76
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.70	111.30	- 0.29	1.76
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Tech	149.24	158.54	- 1.35	..
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HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 081 686 4355				
British	93.34	99.82	- 0.19	1.89
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HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
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JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 071 581 3020				
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	126.30	133.00	- 0.58	0.08
Growth Port	516.80	549.80	- 8.20	0.23
-do- Acc	525.30	558.80	- 8.30	0.23
Income	470.00	500.00	- 0.80	3.86
-do- Acc	212.61	£13.43	- 2.00	3.80
Income Port	496.70	529.50	+ 0.50	4.32
-do- Acc	522.00	555.40	+ 0.40	4.32
Japan Growth	116.60	113.50	- 1.90	
-do- Acc	107.00	113.90	- 1.80	
Master Trust	55.16	58.69	- 0.64	1.53
-do- Acc	61.57	65.50	- 0.74	1.53
N American Dist	168.60	179.60	- 2.70	0.90
-do- Acc	195.00	207.50	- 3.10	0.90
NAm Tst Co Rec	128.40	137.70	- 4.00	
-do- Acc	132.10	140.60	- 4.00	
Pacific Basin	246.90	262.70	- 0.50	0.55
-do- Acc	261.90	278.70	- 0.60	0.55
Small Cos Rec	354.90	373.60	+ 0.20	2.00
-do- Acc	474.60	499.80	+ 0.28	2.00
UK Growth	80.43	85.54	- 1.04	2.63
-do- Acc	97.74	104.00	- 1.20	2.63
Worldwide Gth	301.70	321.00	- 5.80	0.48
-do- Acc	445.10	473.60	- 8.60	0.48
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 0392 282 873				
American	60.53	64.95	- 0.41	0.10
General	82.35	88.35	+ 0.15	2.60
Income	53.77	56.36	+ 0.21	5.40
International	61.21	65.68	- 0.41	0.40
Japan	59.86	64.22	- 0.60	
Tst of Inv Trusts	65.64	70.64	- 0.16	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	367.90	389.10	- 2.58	0.72
(Accum Units)	456.70	483.00	- 3.40	0.72
Amer Recovery	432.50	457.40	+ 1.50	0.52
(Accum Units)	436.30	524.60	+ 1.60	0.52
Amer Smlr Cos	125.20	132.40		0.07
(Accum Units)	127.90	135.30		0.07
Australasian	158.90	168.00	- 1.80	1.96
(Accum Units)	192.60	205.70	- 2.10	1.96
Japan	797.50	836.00	+ 2.20	2.61
(Accum Units)	896.10	949.80	+ 2.50	2.61
Charifund	560.00	588.60	+ 2.30	5.75
(Accum Units)	£30.47	£30.80	+10.10	5.75
Commodity	334.60	417.70	- 2.30	0.39
(Accum Units)	578.50	611.80	- 3.40	0.39
Compound Grt	901.20	955.00	+ 3.60	2.95
(Accum Units)	944.70	998.90	+ 3.80	2.95
Dividend	27.73	29.90	- 0.20	4.62
(Accum Units)	158.20	167.30	- 0.50	4.62
Equity Income	329.30	347.20	- 0.70	5.07
(Accum Units)	417.80	441.90	+ 0.80	5.07
Euro & General	484.91	512.80	+ 0.50	1.81
(Accum Units)	613.30	648.60	+ 0.50	1.01
Euro Dividend	67.20	71.10	+ 0.10	3.73
(Accum Units)	80.10	84.80	+ 0.19	3.73
Extra Yield	394.50	417.20	+ 1.75	4.86
(Accum Units)	£12.24	£12.94	+ 5.30	4.86
Far Eastern	346.30	366.30	- 0.70	0.81
(Accum Units)	461.40	488.00	- 0.90	0.81
Fund of Inv Tsts	593.00	622.90	- 6.30	2.03
(Accum Units)	£11.00	£11.63	- 11.83	2.03
General	58.08	61.30	+ 0.28	3.87
(Accum Units)	163.00	172.30	+ 0.40	3.87
Gilt Income	57.35	57.94	- 0.11	8.26
(Accum Units)	158.59	158.59	- 0.28	8.26
Gold	65.30	70.10	- 1.90	0.86
(Accum Units)	78.30	82.70	- 2.30	0.86
High Income	27.10	28.70	+ 0.10	4.87
(Accum Units)	128.80	115.10	+ 0.30	4.87
Intl Growth	73.90	78.10	- 0.50	1.08
(Accum Units)	125.70	126.10	- 0.90	1.08
International Inc	94.20	99.60	- 0.20	4.64
(Accum Units)	139.80	147.80	- 0.40	4.64
Japan & Gen	41.30	52.00	- 0.70	
(Accum Units)	52.93	55.90	- 0.70	
Japan Smlr Cos	169.30	178.00	- 1.30	
(Accum Units)	169.56	179.20	- 1.31	
Managed Income	26.30	27.60		4.09
Midland	59.10	62.50	+ 0.19	3.22
(Accum Units)	197.40	208.30	+ 0.30	3.22
Pension Ex	885.40	967.40	+ 2.80	4.49
Recovery	35.45	41.70		2.60
(Accum Units)	64.70	68.30	+ 0.10	2.89
Second General	67.50	71.60	+ 0.20	3.63
(Accum Units)	176.40	186.50	+ 0.40	3.53
Smaller Cos	66.50	70.30	+ 0.10	3.15
(Accum Units)	130.60	138.00	+ 0.10	3.15
Sterling Ha Int	22.40	23.49	- 0.07	8.89
Treasury	25.01	25.06		5.72
Trustee	33.90	42.18	+ 0.10	4.59
(Accum Units)	160.40	169.30	+ 0.45	4.59
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	77.23	82.12	- 0.29	0.90
Intl Bond	59.56	62.63	- 0.32	6.03
Intl Equity Growth	66.20	72.56	- 0.35	0.56
N Amer Growth	83.46	95.16	- 0.43	1.06
Special Sits Growth	29.50	21.90	+ 0.02	1.80
UK Growth	355.90	378.80	+ 0.60	2.82
(Accum Units)	464.20	493.80	+ 0.60	2.82
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	212.44	212.68	...	3.28
Income #	946.20	958.90		4.00

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(Accum Units)	598.90	635.00	- 1.10	3.76
Money Market UT	49.89	49.89		4.79
(Accum Units)	77.29	77.29		4.79
Monthly Income	81.25	86.09	- 0.22	6.44
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.35	102.40	- 0.10	1.92
European Growth	102.00	108.10	+ 0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	81.88	86.69	- 0.29	6.39
Income	81.27	86.46	- 0.14	2.96
Japan Growth	55.20	58.51	- 0.25	
Managed	66.15	70.37	+ 0.08	2.59
Money Market	86.37	91.55		4.39
North American	84.39	89.45	- 0.79	0.59
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.38	92.86	- 0.12	1.90
European Growth	95.93	101.70	+ 0.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.06	82.83	- 0.28	6.35
Income	79.84	84.94	- 0.14	3.02
Japan Growth	55.06	58.37	- 0.23	
Managed	63.28	67.32	- 0.08	2.47
Money Market	79.85	84.64		4.34
North American	78.95	81.57	- 0.71	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.35	92.97	- 0.12	1.89
European Growth	93.65	99.27	+ 0.15	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.55	75.92	- 0.25	6.50
Income	78.90	83.94	- 0.14	3.04
Japan Growth	56.38	59.76	- 0.24	
Managed	66.08	70.30	- 0.09	2.47
Money Market	74.48	78.95		4.41
North American	85.78	90.31	- 0.77	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
International (LGS)	12.21	12.99	..	..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Growth	317.80	338.10	- 2.80	..
European Gth Inc	416.50	447.30	+ 1.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	421.43	452.00	+ 1.00	0.29
Intl Gwth	193.30	206.20	- 1.10	
UK Equity Inc	174.50	186.00	- 0.70	3.19
UK Ind Trde Inc	152.80	163.40	+ 0.20	2.75
(Accum Units)	179.40	191.80	+ 0.20	2.75
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	188.10	199.60	- 0.10	1.53
Japan Tracker	77.80	82.40	- 1.00	
Asian Tracker	154.50	210.20	- 0.40	0.30
Managed Inc	148.30	158.20	- 0.20	1.48
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01	+ 0.01	5.41
Europa	171.20	183.60	- 0.40	0.78
Genesis	149.09	163.50	+ 0.30	2.25
High Income	21.11	22.48	+ 0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 000 933				
Acumen	90.45	92.54	- 0.27	2.39
Acumen Inc	85.61	87.55	- 0.25	2.39
Acumen Reserve	80.59	81.39	- 0.12	8.37
-do- Inc	70.32	71.03	- 0.18	8.37
American Growth #	150.70	155.60	- 1.50	1.03
Cash Income	49.79	49.79	+ 0.01	4.77
Equity Income #	90.42	92.88	+ 0.30	4.60
European	68.84	70.34	+ 0.59	..
Smaller Cos	74.54	78.39	+ 0.24	1.65
Olympiad	63.04	64.56	- 0.07	0.33
Global Bond	41.65	42.12	- 0.20	6.75
UK Growth	88.25	90.74	- 0.15	1.64
Pacific Growth	102.40	105.80	- 1.90	..
Japan Growth	96.09	97.67	- 1.39	..
NPI MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	115.39	122.75	+ 0.02	2.93
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.35	75.91	- 0.09	2.26
UK Income	101.50	108.00	- 1.30	4.18
Higher Income	202.90	215.90	- 0.20	5.04
Smaller Cos	78.95	83.99	- 0.07	2.15
International	92.29	98.19	- 0.25	1.69
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	100.04	106.99	- 0.60	0.68
European Dist	104.20	111.40	- 0.10	0.41
Far East Dist	179.10	191.60	- 0.50	..
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NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 300				
Extra Inc	61.53	64.94	+ 0.06	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	56.22	59.33	- 0.10	0.28
North America Inc	46.03	49.43	- 0.51	0.53
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.22	59.34	- 0.06	2.11
(Accum Units)	58.36	61.59	- 0.06	2.11
UK General Inc	54.97	58.02	- 0.06	2.59
UK Eq/Fix Int Inc	45.00	47.38	- 0.10	7.41
UK Income Inc	55.05	58.11	- 0.06	3.10
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
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Master Trust	117.81	125.10	- 0.33	1.90
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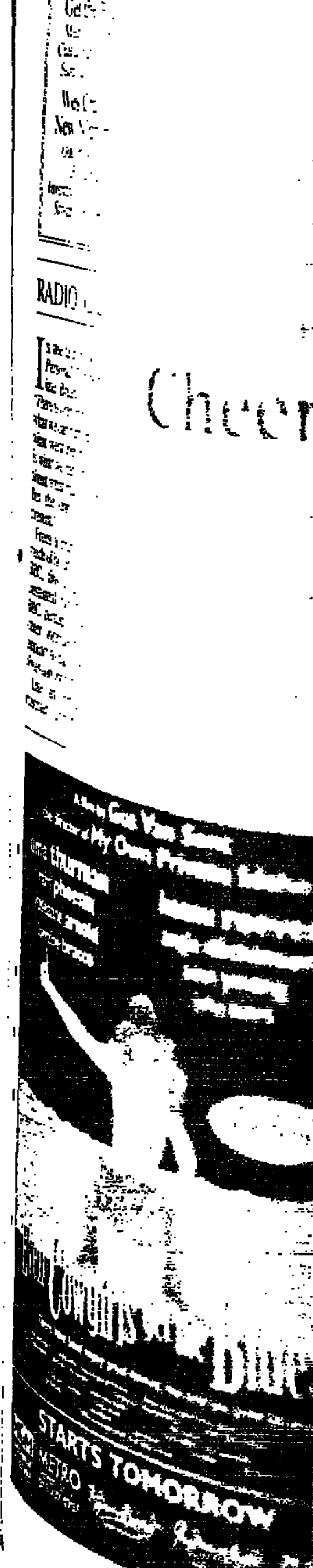

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One of the greatest sculptors? Thorvaldsen reassessed on the 150th anniversary of his death

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Shakespeare's Tempest becomes a Romanian lamentation for a famous old theatre

CINEMA: In a crowded week, **Geoff Brown** applauds the wit and wisdom of Hal Hartley's *Amateur*

Elegantly turning prose

There are a million stories in the naked city — *Amateur* tells the violent tale of an amnesiac pornographer, as played by Martin Donovan (left)

Having spent the past few weeks slumbering, British cinemas suddenly wake up to pelt us with new releases. All human, and inhuman, life is here. In New York, a former nun with a nymphomaniac's itch becomes entangled with an amnesiac pornographer. Up in Edinburgh, a smart Georgian terrace resounds with the sounds of death and dismemberment. Meanwhile, an American girl blessed with outsize thumbs enjoys a counter-cultural odyssey with a band of rebellious cowgirls.

In other cinemas, Jean-Claude van Damme's time-travelling cop darts across the century dispensing biffs with dull repartee ("That's gonna hurt!"); while Kurt Russell and James Spader step through a circle and arrive on a planet ruled by a hermaphrodite who swans round the galaxy in a flying black pyramid.

All this plus Freddy Krueger, the grinning fiend of the *Elm Street* movies, back from the dead with a tongue that extends like a garden hose to lash round his victim's face. Welcome to 1995.

Hal Hartley's **Amateur**, the tale of the nun and the amnesiac pornographer, bestrides the heap through the elegance of its words and images, and the intimation of new developments for a director who appeared, in *Simple Men*, to be stuck in a rut of his own mannerisms.

Not that much has changed radically. He is still concerned with the muddle of desires, ambitions and self-doubts that make up relationships. His lead actor, Martin Donovan, still behaves like a walking timebomb. The dialogue proceeds in the familiar circles, slashed with philosophical asides, while jagged editing gives scenes a powerful edge that recalls early Godard.

But this time Hartley's patented style comes entwined with strong plot material. Set in New York, *Amateur* is a thriller of sorts, with copious violence, hitmen and incriminating floppy disks: an action thriller, in the director's words, "with one flat tyre". But Hartley's tongue-in-cheek genre variations do not preclude genuine suspense, or tender feelings. As the plot lurches towards its climax, and Donovan faces his past as a porn film pedlar and nasty crook, the main characters — amateurs both in their uncertain grip on life — become more than conveyers of droll remarks. You actually start to care for their fate.

Casting reinforces the feeling that Hartley is beginning to break out. Donovan and the soulful Elina Lowensohn (the porn actress wife who wants him dead) may be familiar Hartley faces; but Isabelle Huppert, as the former nun first encountered in a coffee shop writing a pornographic novel on a laptop computer, brings a gust of fresh Gallic air, and fills out her offbeat character with a battery of hesitant, faraway looks.

Amateur lives by its kinks and contradictions. It presents women as sex objects, but then punctures the presentation. An action film cliché is offered for real, only to disintegrate into jest. The rug is always pulled from under our feet. So be alert, be stimulated, and entertained.

Most people roam DIY superstores looking for door chimes or draught excluders. Not so the trio in **Shallow Grave**, a rousing black comedy-thriller from Scotland, and the cinema debut of Danny Boyle, television director of *Mr Wroe's Virgins*. These three seek tools to help to dismember and bury their new flatmate, who arrived one day and died accidentally the next, sprawled naked on a red bed near a suitcase bursting with money.

After pocketing their findings and disposing of the body, the friends — one nonchalant nurse, one docile accountant, one cheeky journalist — fall prey to the rivalries and greed of most movie wrongdoers. But if John Hodge's script breaks no new ground, the sharp tone and inventive detail keep the film fresh.

At first, as Brian Tufano's camera yanks us at high speed through Edinburgh's New Town, we fear for a visual pummelling. But once the plot settles down inside the flat, Boyle expends his energy to much better effect. He coaxes excellent performances from Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor, and relishes the high drama when Eccleston's accountant decamps to the attic, punches peepholes in the floor, and wraps himself in paranoia.

With its budget of £1 million, the terse and tart *Shallow Grave* represents excellent value for money. Hollywood's **Stargate** spent about 45 times more on its inter-galactic special effects, mock-Egyptian headgear, and piquant American dialogue ("Say goodbye to King Tut, asshole"). You may shake your heads at the financial extravagance and the script's collection of stolen goods. But you would have to be dead not to enjoy this preposterous romp through space, time, and old movies.

Hip Egyptologist James Spader and bullet-headed colonel Kurt Russell lead the group who walk through a strange circular portal and tumble through the galaxy to land among downtrodden slaves from a Cecil B. De Mille film, a bison-like remnant of the *Star Wars* trilogy, and a hermaphrodite dictator called Ra (Jaye Davidson, from *The Crying Game*). Throw in a romance, some military hardware, an uprising and a flying black pyramid, and you have a feast of Hollywood nonsense.

Stargate shines all the more brightly next to **Timecop**, the week's other time-travelling fantasy. The tortuous script, stuffed with baffling time jumps and needless subplots, is bad enough. Add to this a wearisome deluge of violence and a leading man, Jean-Claude van Damme, with all the charm of a forklift truck. *Timecop*, directed and photographed by Peter Hyams from a comic book series, shows Hollywood's machine at its least attractive.

Life is not always better outside the system. Following *My Own Private Idaho*, independent film-maker Gus van Sant takes a nasty tumble with ***Even Cowgirls Get the Blues***. His talent remains; the trouble lies rather with the anarchic Tom Robbins book he struggles to pin down on celluloid. It cannot be done, no matter how many direct quotes are woven into the author's narrative, added to give spurious shape to a film of fragments, wasted cameo appearances and striking images in search of a good home.

Uma Thurman is Sissy Hankshaw, Robbins's counter-culture heroine, who teams up with River Phoenix's sister Rain (no great actress, yet) and other renegade cowgirls on a health farm run by John Hurt's transsexual Countess. Peyote is enjoyed. A mystic sits in the mountains nearby. Messages are written on stones: "Be your own flying saucer — rescue yourself."

If the film had been made as an experimental fling when the book appeared in 1976, it might have captured more of the author's zany free spirit. Almost 20 years later, *Cowgirls* arrives stillborn, too cautious and literal to have any cinematic life.

No space to do justice to **Wes Craven's New Nightmare**, an imaginative response to the problem of resuscitating a monster decisively killed off in the last *Elm Street* sequel, *Freddy's Dead*. Returning to the series for the first time since the original 1984 movie, Craven supplies in-jokes galore, clever games with artifice and reality, and enough grisly shocks to keep genre fans happy.

Amateur
Lumiere, 15, 105 mins
Hal Hartley's quirky romantic thriller

Shallow Grave
MGM Haymarket
18, 93 mins
Tart black comedy

Stargate
Odeon Leicester Square
PG, 121 mins
Enjoyably preposterous galactic fantasy

Timecop
Plaza, 18, 98 mins
Tedious time-travelling thriller with Jean-Claude Van Damme

Even Cowgirls Get the Blues
Metro, 15, 96 mins
Cult director Gus van Sant takes a tumble

Wes Craven's New Nightmare
Odeon West End
15, 112 mins
Inventive riff on the Elm Street horror movies

Leo's rising stars

JAZZ: The record label that raised the Iron Curtain is 15 years old

ON Tuesday, Leo Feigin, currently celebrating the 15th anniversary of his label Leo Records, acknowledged to his audience at the Purcell Room that running a shoestring outfit dedicated to "pioneering new music from Russia and beyond" has become slightly less painful of late: "We still limp, but we don't bleed."

By any standards, simply sustaining a label which began mainly as a Western outlet for *samizdat* tapes by improvising Russian musicians is something of a triumph. Feigin has provided a much needed outlet not only for neglected Russian musicians such as pianists Vyacheslav Ganelin and Sergey Kuryokhin, but also for all manner of equally neglected improvisers from "beyond": Western Europe and America.

One such, American Ned Rothenberg, began the two-day celebration (concluding tonight) with a solo set on alto saxophone and bass clarinet. His improvisations did feature repeated figures that acted as fixed points to which he could return for melodic recharging when necessary, but generally, he employed a fearsome technique to produce an extraordinary variety of abstract sounds, all woven into a coherent and surprisingly accessible artistic whole.

Ganelin also appeared solo but, with a piano, synthesizers and drum kit at his disposal, produced the sound of what he terms a "one-man orchestra". He paced his improvisation intelligently, interspersing darkly sonorous piano passages with appealing "duets" between synthesized bass sounds and drums.

The set by Sainkho Namchylak, a singer from Tuva on Russia's Mongolian border, was a mesmerising display of vocal virtuosity. Its highlight was a passage of her speciality: overtone singing, in which she produces an eerie, high vibration simultaneously with more conventional folk-based keening.

CHRIS PARKER

RADIO: Gazing into the future, **Peter Barnard** says the BBC has nothing to fear but fear itself

Cheer up, aged Auntie

In the last book he wrote, *Personal Perspectives*, the late Brian Redhead said: "There is only now. The past is what we can remember now of what went before. The future is what we can speculate now about what may happen next. But the only reality is the present."

From a man who spent so much of his life working at the BBC, this is a remarkably existential standpoint. For the BBC, perhaps more than any other institution, sometimes appears to have an unhealthy obsession with its own future.

Like an embattled prime minister lurching from one crisis to the next (I choose the analogy purely at random) the BBC gives the impression that an army of worker ants slaves night and day to build dams against those who would assault its blessed Charter. I feel the urge to stand outside Broadcasting House and shout "Relax!".

The temptation to greet each new year as if it heralds some defining moment in the history of whatever is under discussion — the Royal Family, Test cricket, BBC Radio — is great and should be resisted. But there are matters that should be exercising the broadcasters this year, even if they are neither urgent nor life-threatening.

After all, radio is in superb condition: audiences are growing, choice is widening and in many parts of the country local radio has all but replaced local democracy. The BBC's next Charter is in the bag, a second lobbying triumph in a decade that began with the corporation facing an "unprecedented threat", as the lurid phrase had it, from the 1990 Broadcasting Act.

It turned out that this crazy document ravaged the better parts of commercial broadcasting but left the BBC virtually unmolested, the reason being that politicians sent to tame the BBC invariably go native, as we saw with David Mellor during his brief shining moment as Heritage Secretary. It cannot be the indifferent quality of BBC lunches, it must be something in the air.

I think that the something is quality, for no matter how diligently the BBC's critics search, they never quite seem able to find anything better elsewhere. Commercial radio trumpets its quantitative success, but in quality terms the BBC is more or less peerless.

Not that BBC Radio, midwife to *Anderson Country* and *The Jamesons*, gets it all right all the time. Heavens no. But the commercial sector has had long enough by now to demonstrate via its programming that Auntie is too fat, too old, too reactionary. But where is commercial radio's *Today* programme? Where is its drama output? Where is its riposte to the criticism that the BBC uses money to make programmes and the commercial sector uses programmes to make money?

Matthew Bannister (top) and Nicholas Kenyon must stick to their guns

The BBC is, of course, assisted by £1 billion each year from the licence fee, which makes the arrogance towards listeners of some of its executives all the more infuriating. But the 1990 Act, removing from commercial companies even the semblance of a requirement to serve the public interest, has left the BBC as the only repository of programming that consistently exercises the mind.

So what I hope we shall see in 1995 is BBC Radio reinforcing its commitment to excellence. This makes for hard choices: Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC Radio, believes in the BBC as a broad church, even though empty pews are the distinguishing mark of that other broad church, the C of E.

Hence the calamitous fall of Radio 1's audience (three million gone and counting) is seen within the BBC as a "repositioning challenge" to the network and its youthful Controller, Matthew Bannister, rather than a message that pop music is not a market in which the BBC needs to be.

Trouble is, the BBC is besotted with research, and research shows that, for the first time, the total BBC audience share has fallen below 50 per cent. Given the plethora of commercial stations, that was bound to happen. Nobody in the BBC is surprised by this, but everyone in the BBC is alleged to be "fighting back".

Why? Why fight Branson's Virgin? Why, in another music market, worry about Classic FM? Nicholas Kenyon, the Controller of Radio 3, is prone to displays of lofty indifference towards the threat and one can only hope he means them.

There is at present a compact disc of popular TV classics, music used in commercials. On the label is listed Beethoven's "Für Elise" and then, in brackets: "Uncle Ben's Rice".

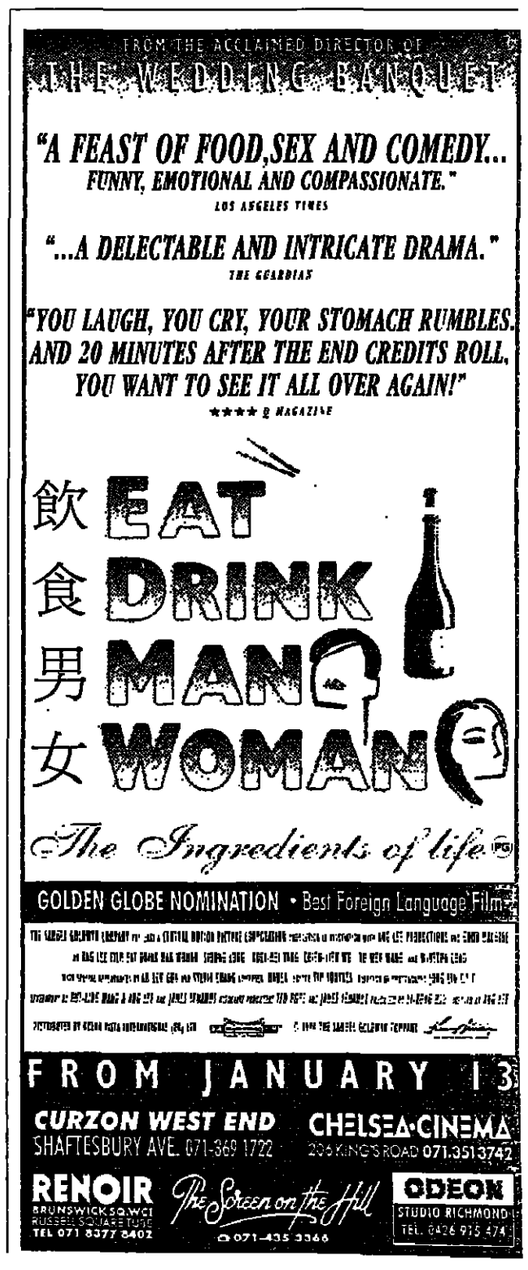
The two may be the same thing, but they are not the Same Thing. I hope that the BBC, in music, speech and drama, knows the difference between them and will this year reassure us as to which market it is in. But not both.

ARTS BRIEFING

Friel returns

LOOK for a West End run next October of Brian Friel's *Translations*, the beautiful play with which the Irish dramatist co-founded his Field Day company with the actor Stephen Rea in 1980. Producer Noel Pearson is preparing a major Broadway revival of the play to open in March, directed by Howard Davies and starring Brian Dennehy, Rufus Sewell and Tony Goldwyn. The plan then is to transport that staging to Ireland for a four-to-six-week run, and on to the West End for 14 weeks. The news will no doubt please admirers of *Translations* who were disappointed that its last London outing, at the Donmar Warehouse two summers ago (directed by Sam Mendes), did not get a West End transfer.

● IN 1996, not quite in time for the centenary of cinema, the University of Exeter plans to unveil the Bill Douglas Centre for the History of Cinema and Popular Culture. Together with his companion Peter Jewell, the director of *My Childhood* and *My Way Home* amassed an awesome collection of early optical devices, posters, movie merchandise, and 25,000 cinema history books before his death from cancer in 1991. Thanks to Jewell's donation, the books alone should ensure that Exeter has the largest university cinema collection in the country. Douglas, who cunningly wove pre-cinema devices into his film on the Tolpuddle Martyrs, *Comrades*, was born in Scotland but lived in Devon for much of his life.



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LONDON

PURCELL TERCENTENARY FESTIVAL The fifth of the nine-concert festival which covers every aspect of the composer's work. Tonight's programme features anthems written for the Chapel Royal and Westminster Abbey. With treble Eamonn O'Dwyer, tenor Rogers Covey-Crump and The King's Consort.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141) Tonight 7.30pm. Ⓢ

OPERA AT THE BARBICAN Travelling Opera tonight offers an 18th-century production of Mozart's romantic comedy of intrigue and passion, *The Marriage of Figaro*. This production is both fresh and fun.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

ED JONES QUARTET A chance to see a saxophonist who is acclaimed as one of our foremost talents who also possesses a distinctive melodic voice.
Vortex Jazz Bar, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 (071-254 6516) Tonight 8.30pm

THE HAMMER DULCIMER Professor Yu Pingyun has performed worldwide since 1980. The special programme combines traditional and contemporary Chinese music with dulcimer music from other parts of the world. The dulcimer has a crisp sound with a wide range from its 136 strings.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight 7.30pm

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Paul Haynes

LINDSAY ANDERSON The world premiere of *Lucky Man*, the last extended interview with the late Lindsay Anderson filmed just four weeks before his death. Showing alongside *If*
MOMI, South Bank, SE1 (071-633 0274) Tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

EXETER Richard Stutt conducts the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** with award-winning soprano Susan Gritton for a **Viennese Night** programme which includes various joyous polkas and waltzes from members of the Strauss family.
University of Exeter, Great Hall (0392 211080) Tonight, 7.30pm

GLASGOW The **National Youth Orchestra of Scotland** presents their New Year concerts. The programme includes Strauss's *Don Juan*, Dvořák's Scherzo Capriccioso, Elgar's *Sea Pictures* and Brahms's Symphony No 1.
Bramwell Tovey conducts.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511) Tonight, 7.30pm

MANCHESTER Kent Nagano conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** this evening with principal clarinet of the Opéra de Lyon orchestra, Jean-Michel Bertelli, as soloist. Bertelli plays the jazz-influenced Clarinet Concerto by Copland, first performed by Benny Goodman in 1950. Also by Copland, the vibrant music for his ballet *Appalachian Spring*, based around American folk-music, with a colourful Shaker melody as the work's centrepiece. Also on offer Dvořák's Symphony No 9 "From the New World".
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712) Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections, Mexican Gallery: Japanese Imperial Craftsmen (071-636 1555) **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells, Christina Rossetti (071-306 0055) **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) . **Royal Academy**: The Painted Page (071-439 7438) . **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) **Tate**: Whistler (071-887 8000) . **V & A**: Nehru Gallery, Streetstyle (071-938 8500) **Whitechapel**: Worlds in a Box (071-522 7888)

Tickets available at time of going to press; please check box office.

Homage paid to Danish master

Toulouse-Lautrec in front of a sketch for his poster *Moulin Rouge — La Goulue* (left); and Thorvaldsen's *Jason with the Golden Fleece* (right)

VISUAL ART: In Copenhagen, **John Russell Taylor** reports on the 150th anniversary of Bertel Thorvaldsen's death; and other shows

Even before the so-called Golden Age of Danish art came back into fashion, fame and record prices, **Bertel Thorvaldsen** was duly celebrated as unmistakably Europe's greatest sculptor between Canova and Rodin. Now he falls readily also into the newly familiar context of Golden Age culture between 1800 and 1850.

Thus he was in the spotlight throughout 1994 in Copenhagen, where there has been a major Golden Age festival going on for some months. But as that draws to an end, it is Thorvaldsen's turn for a solo spot, since this season we mark the 150th anniversary of his death, which occurred suddenly in his usual seat at Denmark's Royal Theatre. Not only that, but 1994 was the 50th anniversary of the Icelandic republic, and Thorvaldsen has a good claim to be the greatest Icelandic artist ever.

Though it is not always realised, Thorvaldsen's family was Icelandic, and he kept up close connections with Iceland all his life. His grandfather was a cleric who built and carved with his own hands a notable Icelandic wooden church. His father was a ship-carver who came to Copenhagen to work in the shipyards, carving figure-heads and other decorations. Thorvaldsen's own beginnings included assisting his father with designs for carving, and it was rather ruefully noted that when he won a travelling scholarship in 1793 and went off to Rome, there was an instant falling-off in the quality of his father's work.

The Thorvaldsen anniversary celebrations centre, naturally enough, on the Thorvaldsen Museum, which — a signal mark of the reverence in which he was held — was undertaken during his lifetime and has remained very much as it was first completed, as a fitting home for his major marbles and plasters, as well as his extensive collection of classical ceramics, his library, and documents of his life. Since the charm of the place resides in its time-capsule quality, the anniversary is marked largely by a speeding-up of the renovation process and its extension to the central courtyard where the sculptor is buried, and by a number of special events, the most spectacular of which has been an evening in which a famous Danish theatre lighting designer was given *carte blanche* to light the museum any way he wanted to, with breathtakingly dramatic results.

> 'Thorvaldsen's sculptures sometimes seem to glow from within'

Thorvaldsen may benefit marginally from this special treatment, but he certainly does not need it. It is enlightening to compare the results of this new scrutiny with the new view of Canova offered recently by a major retrospective in Venice. Canova's passion for highly polished surfaces sometimes makes his works in Carrara marble look as if they have been newly moulded in soap: all the light bounces off the surface as though barred entry. Thorvaldsen is more varied and inventive as a sculptor, and likes to keep his surfaces slightly rough. Consequently the sculptures seem to glow from within, and are generally much more viewer-friendly. If Canova is like David, all endistancing grandeur, Thorvaldsen is often happily Biedermeier, acute in his portraits, precise in his observation of children and dogs. However grand he may be, he never loses the common touch.

Quite by chance, the other two major exhibitions in Copenhagen at present, **Degas Intime** at Ordrupgaard and **Toulouse-Lautrec and Paris** at Louisiana, both carry the common touch almost to excess, being full of brothel scenes and general low-life. The Lautrec show gathers together a remarkable number of important paintings as well as the usual prints, and has wonderful drawings — including, curiously, one labelled "le chien anglaise" (a clear indication that whatever it is, it is clearly not French) which is unmistakably a Cecil Aldin inscribed to Lautrec rather than, as it is presented, a work of the master. But then, what could be more flattering to the English illustrator than an error of this kind?

The exhibition "Degas Intime", on the other hand, is quite unprecedented. It consists entirely of Degas's monoprints, a form in which he excelled. Some come from major museums around the world, but there are many from private collections that have never been exhibited before. The most extraordinary are in black-and-white: resplendent semi-abstract nudes, pawky brothel scenes which make it all look (as presumably it often was) rather fun. There are also a number of dashingly economical later landscapes, this time in colour. And immediately next door is assembled *the museum's own dazzling collection* of Degas paintings. It is hard to imagine anything more deeply satisfying.

● *Thorvaldsen Museum, 2 Porthusgade, Copenhagen (33 32 15 32)*
"Degas Intime" at Ordrupgaard, 110 Vilvordevej, Klampenborg (3164 11 83) until January 15
"Toulouse-Lautrec and Paris" at Louisiana, Gl. Strandvej 13, Humlebaek (42 19 07 19) until February 19

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, 7.15pm, mat. 2.00pm Ⓢ

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Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731) Mon-Sat. 8pm, mats Wed. 3pm and Sat. 4pm

☐ **SKETCHES BY BOZ** Six of Dickens's early character sketches, neatly dramatized and richly exploited for their comedy and melodrama.
BAC Arts Cafe, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat. 8.30pm, Sun 6.30pm

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits palely ebb in grim old age. Superb performances in Edward Albee's powerful drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm

☐ **TO THE LIGHTHOUSE** Empty Space begins an 8-week London season of Virginia Woolf's novel which has been adapted by Julie Lmer. After 4 weeks at Hammersmith the production moves to the Warehouse in Croydon.
Lyric Studio, King St, W6 (081-741 2311) Preview Jan 4 8pm. Opens Jan 5, 8pm. Mon to Sat 8pm, Mats Thurs (Jan 19) and Wed (Jan 25) 1.30pm, Sats 4pm. Till Jan 28

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Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre. **Correct at time of going to press; please check box office.**

NEW RELEASES

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U) Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of "Uncle Vanya" caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast.
Curzon Mayfair (071-369 1720)

CURRENT

◆ **CORRINA, CORRINA** (PG) Housemaid Whoopi Goldberg reawakens a household numbed by grief. Increasingly predictable sentimental drama with Ray Liotta and Tina Majorino. Director Jessie Nelson.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666)

◆ **D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS** (U) Stale adventures of America's ice hockey team in the Junior Goodwill Games. With Emilio Estevez.
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GEORGE BALANCHINE'S THE NUTCRACKER (U) The New York City Ballet's famous production, reverently transferred to film with Macaulay Culkin as the Nutcracker Prince.
MGMs: Fulham Rd Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG) Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director Ivan Reitman.
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◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15) Unwieldy overblown shoot-'em-up clog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter.
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◆ **THE MASK** (PG) Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the anic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
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◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U) John Hughes's goopy but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa.
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◆ **THE NEVERENDING STORY III** (U) Unadorkable fantasy with Jason James Richter and a menagerie of dragons, gnomes and talking rocks from Jim Henson's Creature Shop.
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◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15) Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director Luis Llosa.
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Britten is worth a detour

Sorrel Quartet
Wigmore Hall

SURELY there was no call on the Kirckman Concert Society to *apologise*, as it did on the programme-sheet, for a late change of programme that brought in Britten in place of Borodin? Young string quartets formed of British players have an obligation to make us acquainted with their views on what the composer achieved in this form. To hear so committed an account of the third and last of Britten's quartets was a privilege as well as a pleasure.

The all-female Sorrel Quartet, who first came together at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in 1987 and were appointed quartet-in-residence at Liverpool University 18 months ago, is an ensemble of increasing distinction. So far as Britten was concerned, the players were by no means reticent in giving breadth of character to the last major work he finished before his death in 1976.

A summation of so many aspects of Britten's creative artistry, it drew from the Sorrel players a rewarding intensity of enthusiasm in each of its five movements. Particularly *impressive* were the weaving of lines in the intense opening movement, the forceful spirit of the two scherzos, and the grave luminosity of the finale.

Prior to this the players laid claim to separate instrumental identities in Haydn and Mozart. The former's E flat Quartet, Op 20 No 1, gained as much from the cellist's tonal body weight as from the clarity of parts between the others. With Mozart's "Dissonance" Quartet in C, K465, the irregular harmonies of the introduction were vividly balanced by the no less daring *excursions in the last movement*. In between, the almost continuous permutation of four notes during the Andante was made to sound wonderfully rich, and the overall vivacity of the playing was that of a quartet for whom music is an adventure to be relished.

NOEL GOODWIN

THEATRE: Taciturn thespians; Flann O'Brien staged; and one Romanian's Shakespeare

DONALD COOPER

Ghostly presence: the central, non-speaking protagonist of *The Woman In Black* regularly spooks audiences who believe that they are watching a play for two male actors

Let's hear it for the silent minority

Speechless, perhaps; unsung, no. **Matt Wolf** asks the silent stars of the West End stage to take a bow

They are the ones who get overlooked when awards are dished out: the silent onlookers within a play, those fleeting or spectral presences without whom the play literally could not take place. By this, I don't mean parts that are underwritten — the daughter, say, in John Osborne's *Inadmissible Evidence*, who is merely a foil for her father's rage; or the questing stepson in Peter Shaffer's *Gift of the Gorgon*, who sits violently scribbling as his stepmother relates the gruesome story of his father's death.

The roles under discussion here are those intended to be mute, or as near as, of which the West End has had much evidence of late. Last summer's revival of the David *Storey play Home was nominally* a four-hander, but the starry quartet of actors was in fact amplified by Jason Pitt's scene-stealing moment or two as a silent employee of the home whose job consisted mainly of rearranging chairs. Admirers of Harold Pinter's *Betrayal* will recall that a putative three-hander actually has a fourth actor: the waiter in Scene VII, whose brief *comments ("E spinaci" and the* like) can be quite droll in the right hands.

Current examples of this phenomenon include a long-*running West End mainstay, The Woman In Black*, whose title character is in fact an on-stage presence; and Edward Albee's award-winning *Three Tall Women*, whose trio of brilliant actresses is, in Act II, augmented by John Ireland's young man, a character billed simply as The Boy.

What do these roles require? More than one might imagine, especially — in Ireland's case — when one is clearly acting a version of the playwright as a young man. Even getting the role, Ireland recalls, was less straightforward than one would assume.

"For what's on paper, it was quite an intensive audition," Ireland says, from his dressing room at Wyndham's. He appeared twice before various *members of the creative team*, and even read a speech from *Othello*, which is odd when one considers that he has nothing to say on stage. "It was a very intensive process for something that in the end result has not really attracted that much attention, although my presence on-stage facilitates a lot of very, very powerful responses."

Indeed it does, and one can imagine Albee not allowing *just anyone to play the part*. Appearing by his dying mother's bedside near the end of the play, The Boy is an idealised version — "23 or so", *according to the script — of an adult* who would go on to be despised by his mother.

"Edward [Albee] focused me on the duality of The Boy: how much he loves his mother, how much he hates her. Part of The Boy wants to get on the bed and hug her: another part wants to slap her."

Such assignments could seem a dead end, but Ireland thought otherwise. He was eager, at the age of 27, to make his London debut in such distinguished company after a career spent working mostly in the North of England and Scotland. "I was thinking at first, 'I've got more to offer than this', but The Boy does *have three very strong* moments where you know the audience are going to have to look at him despite the fact that you have three of the most *talented actresses in Great* Britain on stage at the same time; I thought it was worth it."

For Tricia Morrish in *The Woman In Black*, the appeal was mostly pragmatic. "I wanted to do it because I needed the time," says Morrish, who was looking for something to earn her a weekly wage while she pursued an English degree at Goldsmiths' College. Now in the second year of a three-year course, Morrish has been in *The Woman In Black* for seven months, flitting on and off the Fortune stage "in various hoods and bonnets" and spooking audiences who think they are coming in to see the male two-hander that has been advertised.

"For such a small part, you do get a good response," says Morrish, who first saw the thriller at one of its previous addresses, the Strand, when she was acting next door at the Aldwych in *The Sneeze*. The result, she says, is steady work without "having too much responsibility myself for the play". Will the credit enhance *her career? Morrish is not too* concerned. "I've been an actress for ten years, and I don't want that to rule my life: I have other dreams."

These roles, meanwhile, must be a producer's dream, since they allow actors to be ill with laryngitis or whatever, and still show up — as long as they can move. "In the third or fourth week, I had a really wretched cold," laughs Ireland, "but with this role, who's to know?"

Brave, but not novel

At Swim-Two-Birds
BAC Studio 2

FLANN O'Brien's uniquely funny but quite unstageable novel came out in 1939 and was a post-modernist work decades before the term was introduced. His narrator is an unnamed Dublin student writing a novel about a novelist called Trellis whose characters, while he sleeps, plot against him, wake him up, put him on trial and execute him.

Previously, only Pirandello had thought of doing this sort of thing, but O'Brien goes one better by deconstructing his book as he goes along, interrupting the story to name the grammatical terms he is fond of using, inserting a synopsis now and then for the benefit of new readers, and hauling into the text chunks from books by other authors.

It is a fizzing work with three beginnings, three conclusions and a bewildering number of middles. I love the book and grieve for the absence, in this staging by *Ridiculusmus, of the subtle* deployment of language that makes the novel such fun.

So what *do* Ridiculusmus give us? All four members of *the company helped to devise* the production, and since all four are also named as directors the result could have been total chaos. What we have instead is energetic confusion. Characterisation is bold, rough-edged and sometimes frankly token.

Jon Darke, whose features lend themselves to expressions of gloom, plays the uncle in much the same way as he plays the doomed Trellis, but the one has inspired the other and his interpretation catches the sober notes of the pair of them.

Angus Barr and David Woods go for anarchy. The moments when they tumble into the audience, push themselves between the rows and are dragged across us by their long Celtic hair, bring a refreshing sense of danger. Offsetting these japes, however, are the overlong Western parodies that never lose their *air of student fantasy*.

Helen Trew, describing herself in the deconstructing finale as "the token girl", manages an unearthly cackle for the *Pooka-devil but fails to* convince in the numerous male roles she is required to play.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Farewell to another stage

Kate Bassett on a bold new production of *The Tempest* in a dilapidated Portuguese theatre

In 1995, if all goes to plan, the Romanian director Silviu Purcarete will stage *The Tempest* at the Nottingham Playhouse. When Eastern Europe first opened up, Purcarete's *King Ubu With Scenes From Macbeth* won a *Critics' Award at Edinburgh*. Since then, his work has taken off internationally.

He has just staged *The Tempest* at the National Theatre *in Oporto with Portuguese-speaking* actors. This *Tempest*, a bold vision of Shakespeare's "farewell to the stage" stunningly designed by *Jose Manuel Melo, is intimately* bound to the space where it has come into being. Besides being a Romanian-Portuguese meditation on how civilisation rubs shoulders with the primitive, and on rebirth versus the decay of age, this is Purcarete's personal celebration of — and lament for — the Teatro S. Joao.

On the crest of a hill above a sea of alleys, Teatro S. Joao houses an exquisite auditorium of dilapidated elegance: an auditorium Purcarete loves and which, with the new year, goes dark for redecoration, for better or worse.

Prospero's fantastical island is a barren sweep of grey sand finishing in a vast dim sky. Or maybe it is the vision of a drowning man. The wrecked courtiers, suddenly old with suffering, "come ashore" with their hair on end like distraught madmen or cadavers sinking to the ocean bed. Ariel, refracted into 15 actors, is a phalanx of white heads, mouthing words in a whisper *that sends shivers up the* spine.

But the island is also inextricably linked to the theatre itself. Liana are shreds of antique red velvet. Characters

A showdown turns into a champagne party in Silviu Purcarete's striking staging of *The Tempest* in Oporto

surface from the pit. When *Prospero's spirits haunt those* who have wronged him, lights flicker in the boxes by the stage, like theatre ghosts or memories troubling guilty minds.

Prospero himself (richly emotional Ruy de Carvalho) is an actor-director growing old, stagemanaging sterile masques for Miranda's betrothal and preparing himself, before staring into a mirror encircled with bulbs, for the *final showdown with his* usurper-brother.

At the end the courtiers — casting off decrepitude — appear in white like Edwardians risen from the grave, as good as new. In fact, the showdown turns into a champagne party celebrating a new era, as Prospero is Duke again and his daughter weds.

However, Purcarete implies a dark future. Once spotlessly smartened up — perhaps like S. Joao — Miranda, previously warmly human, becomes stiff and lifeless. The festive mood is chilly. Moreover, Prospero's *powers have been failing*. As, to his despair, Ariel prepares to leave him, the gigantic chandelier floating above — an image of his artistic creativity and intellect — sinks down, its lights extinguished. Yet, *although grounded, it is re*-illuminated, like a king-sized birthday cake, by the party.

The production gutters occasionally. The moth-eaten stuffed lion on wheels, presumably a symbol of conquered yet lingering potency or bestiality, is a sorry affair. Its roar sounds alarmingly like a motorbike letting out a dying burp. But this apart, the sound score, weaving Mozart with the screech of birds and deep-tolling bells, is transfixingly eerie.

Caliban is embarrassing. Starting out like a chimp Chippendale in a nappy, he progresses into dressing up in his dead mummy's frock. The comic sub-plot, strongly indebted to clowning, falls slightly flat, with Trinculo *trundling around in floppy*-foot shoes.

Yet, inspirational flashes include the sozzled Stephano making his entrance and *instantly falling into the front* row, or squirming around with Trinculo and Caliban inside one of Prospero's glass cases, plotting to creep up on *the master but visibly as* drunk as lords. Far beyond this, though, the trenchant power of the piece lies in its vision of the wasteland of depression and grief.

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Anne McElvoy tracks the sorry history of Soviet manipulation of gullible Western intellectuals

Voices of their master

The only surprising thing about the recently revealed machinations involving a *Guardian* journalist who saw himself as a free spirit while being regarded by the KGB as an agent, is that it surprises anyone at all. This sorry saga of the manipulation of Richard Gott's left-wing convictions to embroil him in intelligence work, the mixture of naïvety and arrogance with which he describes his covert meetings with "the chaps" from the Lubyanka — all for the honest aim of promoting better understanding between the systems — can be found time and again in the pages of *Double Lives*, Stephen Koch's excellent history of Soviet propaganda in the West under Stalin.

Gott is of course a mere epigone compared with the targets of Soviet disinformation in its heyday. In 1933, Karl Radek, Stalin's arch-propagandist entrusted with shaping the Kremlin's "antifascist" policy and the master of a global network of agents of communist influence, ordered his British operatives to target — *plus ça change* — the *Manchester Guardian* as a leading press outlet in the campaign to impose the desired version of the Reichstag fire on the readers. Through a concoction called the Oberfohren memorandum, the SA (Hitler's Brownshirts) were blamed for the blaze which inflamed Nazi terror in Germany.

DOUBLE LIVES
Stalin, Willi Münzenberg and the Seduction of the Intellectuals
By Stephen Koch
HarperCollins, £20

Despite the Communists' claims in the decades to come that they alone had been constant from the start in their opposition to Hitler, the memorandum exculpated Hitler. That suited the Führer, since it gave him the opportunity to purge his rival, Röhm. It also suited the leadership of the KPD (the Communist Party of Germany) which was convinced that the Nazi street thugs were "brown on the outside but red on the inside" and that if they could break the mesmeric hold of the SA, the brutal energy of the disaffected proletariat could be channelled towards a different revolution.

The subsequent trial of the Bulgarian revolutionary Dimitroff and the half-mad van der Lubbe was sewn up between the Communists and Nazis in advance, with the result that only the lone, lunatic Dutchman went to the guillotine.

Dimitroff was able to provide a stirring defence of his belief, sure of acquittal. Hitler could boast of the independence of German justice. The result was consolidated on the far Right and the far Left and was a body-blow to democracy.

This cat's cradle of lies, propagated through the Western media and the good offices of witting and unwitting dupes among opinion makers, was a masterpiece of the art of disinformation. But it was only one episode of many which Willi Münzenberg orchestrated.

One of the great unseen powers of the 20th century, Münzenberg, from his base at the head of the Comintern, persuaded an initially sceptical Lenin to win over bourgeois humanists to the Cause, telling him "We must organise the intellectuals." Organise he did, from Bloomsbury to Hollywood, harnessing free spirits to his masters' ends.

Like Bulgakov's sorcerer Voland in *The Master and Margarita* he created a false world out of the illusions, vanities and convictions of the famous in Europe and America, linking revolutionary politics to the stage, salons and publishing houses, setting up film companies and book clubs and running a propaganda network which wooed figures from André Gide to Dorothy Parker. Thomas Mann was one of the few who eventually saw through the smoke and mirrors of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, a key front-organisation for Stalin, and said so, but it took five years of involvement in the organisation for the deception behind it to dawn on him.

Unlike an ordinary spy, Münzenberg was subject to no territorial constraints. His sphere of operation was the world and his vast team of propagandists were at work from the Left Bank in Paris to the killing fields of Spain, persuading concerned humanist consciences that they were working against Hitler's Germany, while the real benefits of their labour, financially and ideologically, were harvested by the other great dictatorship.

Koch, to his credit, has not taken a single rumour for granted. This is an excellent example of both scholarship and detective work, sourced from newly-opened archives in Germany and Russia. He has also conducted a plethora of interviews with the surviving wives, lovers, friends and enemies of Münzenberg's army to trace the work of the Comintern and the even more influential Popular Front, Stalin's alliance with the non-Communist Left.

Willi Münzenberg: an unseen power of the century, he duped idealists from Bloomsbury to Hollywood

His great find is the late Babette Gross, Münzenberg's widow who, having kept a fearful silence since her husband's mysterious death in the woods near Grenoble in 1940 (possibly suicide, more likely another example of the NKVD — the former KGB — devouring its own children), gave her testament to Koch before her death in 1989.

My main cavil about *Double Lives* concerns the writing style, which brims over with solecisms, tautologies and stylistic infelicities (the description of Brecht as "that anti-poet of Weimar's ending" is memorable for its nonsensical awfulness). There are far too many repetitions which should have been picked up by the editor, and the tone can be embarrassingly breathless and over-dramatic. The accounts of treachery, assassination and ritual purges, even of the most loyal intellectual henchmen, need no such decoration. This tale of how idealists came to be caught in the sorcerer's net is chilling enough told straight.

Free to be slaves

Oliver Letwin

ISAIAH BERLIN
By John Gray
HarperCollins, £18

John Gray aims to draw together into a coherent interpretative whole the hints of a philosophy contained in Sir Isaiah Berlin's many and varied works. Instead of making a tedious attempt to examine each of Berlin's works in turn, he plunges straight in, giving us the "answer", and then supports it with just enough textual reference to make the account plausible. His is a textbook example of philosophical exegesis.

Gray, a noteworthy philosopher in his own right, synthesises Berlin's thought into five propositions.

1. As a matter of objective truth, particular values (moral, political, aesthetic, religious) have validity only within particular "forms of life" (traditions, cultures, societies).

2. There is nothing to guarantee that all the values, even within a given "form of life", will necessarily cohere with one another; there may well be occasions when values conflict, and when they are "incommensurable" in the sense that there are no over-arching principles which can decide the conflict in favour of one value or the other.

3. Still less is there any guarantee that values within differing "forms of life" will cohere with one another; and there are no over-arching principles to resolve conflicts between one form of life and another.

4. Each individual human being, as a participant in (and an inheritor of the inheritances of) a given "form of life", has in theory the potential to mould and remould himself by making the choices which his participation and inheritance open up for him; but liberty (the freedom to make such choices without interference) is merely one potentially valued item alongside others, and may either conflict with other values within a "form of life", or even be regarded within a given form of life as valueless.

5. It is therefore impossible to provide any absolute or universal defence of liberalism: within a liberal society, liberty is valued, but a liberal thinker cannot necessarily expect to find his ideas accepted by members of a society where liberty is valued less than in his own.

These propositions — whether true or false — are vastly important and highly topical. They distinguish between a tolerant, culturally sensitive form of liberalism and classical, universalist, imperialist liberalism.

As Gray points out, the critical difference between the two kinds of liberal lies in their respective attitudes to "forms of life" which are not themselves liberal. It is no surprise that there should exist such a difference, because liberalism contains within it a question which seems at first sight to be a paradox. What is a person who values the freedom of the individual to say about groups of people — such as ultra-orthodox Jews or highly puritanical Christians — who impose severe constraints upon the freedom of their members? Should a liberal society force such people to allow their children to study texts which they regard as emanations of Satan? Should people, in other words, be forced to be free?

To the universalist liberal, old-fashioned societies and sects — with their typically oppressive attitudes towards women and their narrow conceptions of the tolerable — constitute a ghastly aberration. He wishes to see them prohibited from constraining their members within the bounds that their religions and cultures impose. The Berlinian, tolerant liberal, on the contrary, recognises such sects and societies as "forms of life" within which freedom of choice is discounted in favour of other values, and accepts each such "form of life" as a legitimate alternative to an open society.

Which of these is the true liberal? The advocate of universal individual freedom, who is willing to ride roughshod over societies and sects that have other priorities? Or the proponent of tolerance, willing to grant legitimacy to "forms of life" within which individual liberties are constrained?

This is a question which any serious and liberally-minded

Berlin: humanely tolerant

person cannot avoid asking; and Gray is undoubtedly right that Berlin, by founding his thought on the assumption of a plurality of not necessarily compatible or commensurable values, gives a powerful answer to the question. Berlin's liberalism, in its recognition of differing histories, traditions and communities, is at once more sophisticated and more humane than the dry abstractions of classical, universalist liberal theory.

Gray leaves one with a number of unanswered questions — in this case, all the more justified since they are questions which Berlin, too, leaves unanswered. If there is genuinely a plurality of sometimes incompatible and incommensurable values, rather than a coherent set of compatible values guaranteed by reason, how are any practical conflicts between values to be resolved either politically or morally? How are conflicts between equivalent values to be distinguished from conflicts between good and evil? How is one society to treat another?

Anyone who reads the book will be left wondering about these things — but to be left in such wonder is a privilege.

Messing about with Marx

Stephen Beller

THE WAGER OF LUCIEN GOLDMANN
Tragedy, Dialectics and a Hidden God
By Mitchell Cohen
Princeton University Press, £26.50

MITCHELL Cohen has written an impressive and frequently witty account of the life and thought of one of the more attractively unconventional figures in the Marxist pantheon. While acknowledging the flaws of his subject, Cohen clearly sees Goldmann as retaining great relevance today, and not only for post-1989 Marxist thinkers.

Goldmann, a Romanian Jew by birth, moved to Paris as soon as he could. There, through various vicissitudes, he established himself as a leading voice on the anti-Stalinist wing of French Marxism. The elaborator of the methodology of "genetic structuralism" — a combination of the dialectics of his great intellectual hero, Georg Lukacs, and the developmental theories of Jean Piaget — Goldmann became an appreciative critic of existentialism, and a staunch opponent of the "anti-humanism" of emergent structuralism.

In intellectual history, Goldmann became famous for his study of Pascal and Racine's relationship to the "hidden God" of Jansenism. In politics Goldmann became well-known as the propagandist for *autogestion*, worker's self-management, and "market socialism" as the way forward to a true, socialist community.

Central to Goldmann's intellectual project was his attempt to save the Marxist concept of totality from totalitarianism. What Goldmann wanted to do was to pull off the great dialectical trick of preserving the individuality and freedoms of the parts in the whole, while maintaining the whole. He thought he had found the key to this in his (attractive and suggestive) concept of the "trans-individual subject", the mental structures linking individuals in community.

His "wager", as Cohen calls it, was that such a dialectical solution of the paradox of modern life was still realisable, even though, as Cohen trenchantly points out, Goldmann had half admitted to himself before his death in 1970 that even his own proposals for "authentic community" seemed to provide only a "*partial totality*", a *non sequitur*.

At the end of this sweep through a massive chunk of modern Western intellectual history, one is left wondering whether Goldmann could seriously have thought that the dichotomy between absolute values and empirical reality would be resolved by workers' councils in factories. For all his efforts to reinfuse Marxism with liberal and humanist values, was it really worth being saved from its totalitarian tendencies? Did it not simply jeopardise Goldmann's own insights and goals?

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At the coalface of village life

Walter Ellis

COMING BACK BROCKENS
A Year in a Mining Village
By Mark Hudson
Jonathan Cape, £16.99

THERE is an undeniable romance about pit villages. Yet miners, like the seams they work, are flawed. Consumed by pride, they refused to realise in the early 1980s that their hard-wrought product was a declining asset.

Mark Hudson, award winning author, chronicles the life of a mining community in Horden, Co. Durham, where his family worked for several generations. He places it in a history that is since finished and can be recorded without special pleading or rancour.

Hudson was brought up in London but, fascinated by his great grandfather, a tyrannical working-class Conservative, he took a train north to Horden and immersed himself in its life. He even made an arduous, Orwellian visit to the coalface of nearby Easington Colliery, some seven miles under the North Sea. The tale he tells is often horrific. Accidents, disasters, hard labour for year after year until retirement and death.

In the end, however, for all the evocative strength of his prose and the vicarious sense of "home" that he creates, Hudson remains an alien. He tells of men who ended up with nothing for their labours but the clothes they stood up in. "All they got," he writes, "was the feeling of having *deserved* — to live, to be able to support their families, to call themselves men."

And the brockens? These were the coal stacks, left as pillars in the shafts which were mined on the retreat when stocks ahead were exhausted. When you "came back brockens", the world you had left behind collapsed in on itself and died. Most of the Co. Durham coalfield has now "come back brockens", and we should be glad of it.

Heroes of the forgotten army

Andrew Roberts

NOT ORDINARY MEN
The Battle of Kohima Re-assessed
By John Colvin
Leo Cooper, £18.95

Kohima is an Indian hill town in the province of Manipur, close to the Burmese border. It is 5,000 feet above sea level, and commands the only all-weather road on the frontier. In the spring of 1944 the Japanese launched their U-Go offensive against British India, and for it to succeed General Kotoku Sato's 31st Division, comprising over 13,000 men, had to capture the town held by 440 men of the 4th Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent regiment as well as some Punjabis and Rajputs.

The fighting which took place between the initial Japanese onslaught on April 5, and April 18, when Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Messervy's 2nd British Division finally relieved the town, was among the most savage and desperate of the Second World War. For that fortnight's siege and the acts of astounding courage shown, Kohima deserves to rank beside Rorke's Drift and Arnhem in the annals of British military valour.

Seemingly endless Japanese attacks were thrown back by the exhausted West Kents, with plenty of hand-to-hand fighting and the no man's land often no wider than the District Commissioner's tennis court. The Japanese Empire was, in the historian John Keegan's opinion, "at the height of their aggression".

Both sides knew Kohima held the key to India itself, and once it was relieved General Slim's 14th Army was able to march on to raise the 90-day siege of Imphal further south. Soon the Japanese were on the defensive, and when they finally retreated only 20,000 of their original 55,000-strong assault force were able to walk back. Kohima was thus the Stalingrad of Burma, the place and moment where the tide of war turned against the Axis, yet to many today it is just a forgotten battle of the forgotten army.

Colvin's book attempts to change that, and he is the ideal man for the task. He was born in Japan where his father, Admiral Sir Ragnar, was naval attaché. He served off Burma in battlecruisers during the war. Colvin writes fluently and convincingly about that most difficult phenomenon to explain — heroism. His research, largely at the Imperial War Museum with dozens of survivors' records and regimental war diaries, is painstaking and has yielded up an enormous amount of previously unpublished information, anecdotes, insights and thrilling first-hand accounts.

Members of the 14th Army battle through monsoon flooding on the Burmese border

He brilliantly plots the breakdown in sympathy and communication between General Sato and his commanding officer, General Renya Mutaguchi, whose 15th Army had been given the task of invading India. Sato's logistics support had collapsed during the assault and he indulged in a furious argument against his commanding officer. Colvin follows this carefully, in one of the most interesting passages of the book.

The author also gives Mountbatten his proper credit for defying the Chiefs of Staff and the Americans over the Arakan airlift of late March, 1944, although he does point out that it was Slim's idea to initiate the lift rather than Mountbatten's, as the Supremo subsequently boasted. Lieutenant-General Sir Montagu Stopford's XXIII Corps was greatly strengthened at a crucial stage when the 5th and 7th Indian Divisions were taken by plane hundreds of miles to the north in a highly innovative and unusual operation. By hanging on to the American planes in defiance of the demands of London and Washington, largely by winning Churchill's personal support, Mountbatten did his army a signal service, although probably not quite as great a one as he was later to make out.

By opening the road to Imphal, the victory at Kohima both saved India from invasion and opened the way for the liberation of Burma. But it is for the stark individual acts of courage, rather than strategic considerations, that the battle will be remembered.

By the sixth day of the siege, in his words, the West Kents "were terribly tired, faces drawn, haggard, unshaven because of lack of water, dirty, unwashed, huge eyes with great bags underneath from exhaustion and vigilance. Their lives were centred on survival and, apart from that, on water, food, clean weapons and ammunition. They thought of 'England, Home and Beauty' and wondered why they were where they were." And they still had seven days to go.

Peter Ackroyd examines the shy and melancholic character of the poet whose dotty limericks entrance every new generation

There was an old man who wept

EDWARD LEAR
By Peter Levi
Macmillan, £20

Edward Lear, as is so often the case with writers, might have come out of one of his own poems. Someone said that he possessed "a face partly of Socrates, partly of Sir John Falstaff", but in later life he came to resemble a boiled egg which had unaccountably grown a beard. In his nonsense verse he weeps and cries, ungainly and woebegone; in his life he emits the low hum of miserable self-communing, like some bewildered bumblebee.

He drew various members of the natural world from an early age: his favourite subject seems to have been the parrot, although he was not immune to the charms of the tortoise and the whiskered yarke. In fact he was a painter long before he became a writer but, as befits an exact contemporary of Charles Dickens, he tended to depict "the monstrous, the sinister and the eccentric". He was an early Victorian who was attracted to the birdcage rather than the factory, the zoo rather than the asylum, but he brought to these areas the same morbid fascination for the odd or the macabre.

He grew tired of parrots, however, and in his early twenties he turned towards the landscape. It is harder to date the birth of his first limerick, although Peter Levi does manage to suggest more remote origins; he makes a very plausible case for locating the source of "nonsense verse" in the plays of the ancient mummers as well as in the tradition of children's songs or ballads. It might in fact be possible to reach further back, and see in Lear the true inheritor of those "babooneries" which are to be found adorning the margins of English medieval manuscripts.

Of course the origins of Lear's particular gift are more intimate than those simply provided by cultural transmission; the mournfulness as well as the gaiety of his verse must spring from his childhood, about which very little is known and about which he professed to remember nothing. But, as Mr Levi puts it in this always interesting book, "genius is the survival of the powers of childhood into an adult world of technique and criticism". So we return to the Old Person of Tring who embellished his nose with a ring, to the *Old Man of Madras* and to *The Pobble Who Has No Toes* — about which this biography is most eloquent. Levi has a chatty, voluble, almost excited style which may not quite ascend to the heights of scholarly inquiry but which nevertheless manages to convey enthusiasm and affection for his subject.

This is not in itself, however, a particularly happy story. For some reason Lear never found it easy to settle in England, and at the age of 25 travelled to Italy in order to sketch the dark lakes and "enormous Alps". He stayed there for a long time and became almost a professional exile, teaching, accepting various commissions, meeting the English who passed through. In 1841 he published a volume of lithographs, *Views of Rome and its Environs*, but it was not an overwhelming success and was sold only to subscribers.

In fact he seems always to have lived on the margins of life — a not very exciting artist, a not very great writer, a friend of the well-to-do who had no real ambition for himself. There was something in his character which always held him back from success. He taught drawing to Queen Victoria for a while, but made nothing of any prospective benefits; he was bad at managing money, appalling in business and managed somehow to get involved in the financial affairs of his servants to a disastrous extent. He was, you might say, one of life's observers — although that is not, perhaps, a bad position for a painter.

Sketch of the old man who "fell suddenly into a kettle"

Like many people who live upon the edge of life, Levi describes how he became "addicted to travelling, both as a painter and as a person" — although he preferred to travel with a sympathetic acquaintance or, as he described one of them, "an extremely luminous and amiable brick". Lear could be very high-spirited and gregarious, although by the end of his life it becomes clear that he had always been an essentially lonely and rather shy person. It is also likely that he had no great confidence in his own talent; that is why he did not wish to settle in London, where he would be judged by his peers, and why he did not concentrate entirely upon the production of art. He travelled, instead — to Italy, Greece, Egypt, Malta, India, Turkey, and all points exotic. His own descriptions of these places are those of a colourist rather than a writer, but why should such an adept versifier also be a master of prose?

At the age of 38 he returned to London in order to collect a small legacy; he was modest enough to enrol himself in the Royal Academy schools, and became acquainted with Alfred Tennyson. In fact he seems in Levi's account almost like the obverse image of the famous poet — Lear's verses are often as melodious as those of Tennyson, and there are times when he seems to deliberately to parody Tennysonian cadence to emphasise the "nonsense" which might lie beneath it. There is a point, Lear knew, when dignity and sonority simply become funny; some of the best moments in the book are concerned with Lear's somewhat disenchanted view of the great man's attitudinising.

The misery in his character was always there, however, and it broke out with renewed vigour on the death of his sister. "Vastly, shockingly miserable and ill," he wrote in his diary, "body and mind". Yet it was in this period that he published the most successful edition of his "nonsense verse" — as Dickens had also discovered, grief can make you very funny.

They are difficult poems to describe without extensive quotation, but perhaps the best account comes from Levi himself when he invokes Lear's "irrepressible longing to play". All his life, too, he suffered from epileptic seizures; the nonsense words may in some cases be the memory of some scrambled language of delirium. His vein of infant longing and nostalgia are present, also, and so these poems instinctively take the form of children's rhymes or old street ballads.

Lear's final years were spent at his house in San Remo, in the company of an old servant. He never married, but there is no evidence at all that he was homosexual; perhaps he was one of those people who never really know what they are.

There are vignettes of this last period which bring him vividly before us — Lear singing the songs of Tennyson; Lear "plodding slowly along", looking for a scene to paint, while his faithful servant follows with lunch and drawing tools; Lear writing "The Dong With The Luminous Nose" while at the same time noting down in his diary all the nonsense that was talked to him at lunches or dinners. But the final image should come from Lear himself:

"He weeps by the side of the ocean,/He weeps on the top of the hill ..." The true spirit of the nonsense thus stands revealed.

Insomniac's guide to the darkest hour

The Forcibly Bewitched by Goya (1797-98): in dreams secret fears and desires drift to the surface

Anthony Storr

NIGHT
An Exploration of Night Life, Night Language, Sleep & Dreams
By Al Alvarez
Cape, £15.99

When he was a child, Al Alvarez was frightened of the dark, a fear that he probably picked up from his mother, who suffered from multiple phobias. But the London Blitz was so exciting that it cured him of this terror, and now, whenever he isn't playing poker, he enjoys the solitude and quiet of the small hours.

This book is a meditation or rumination on the dark; elegantly written, packed with out-of-the-way information, an ideal bedside book to while away a sleepless night.

Contemporary cities are frightening places at night; but how much worse they must have been before there was street lighting. I was pleased to learn that "curfew" derives from Norman-French — *covre-le-feu*, dowse the fire. It dates back to times when the poor had not light but firelight. It was in 1667 that Louis XIV decreed that lanterns should be hung to illumine Paris; and the City of London installed oil lamps on the streets in 1736. Unconvinced by the confusions of identity in *Don Giovanni* and *Figaro*, we forget that misidentification was quite probable when only candles and lamps flickered fitfully on peoples' faces.

Alvarez persuaded the sleep laboratory at the Atkinson Morley Hospital to record his brainwaves during sleep. He thought that he had had a long and dreamless sleep; but the record showed that he had not only experienced five periods of dreaming, but had also woken 23 times, albeit briefly. Never believe anyone's account of their sleep experience; they don't know what actually happens. What is certain is that the brain is ceaselessly active, even during sleep. Alvarez has read a great deal about recent brain research but since he is a poet and a man of letters, he combines science, quotation and literary comment in a cross-disciplinary fashion which is as illuminating as it is unusual.

Freud has had a bad press recently, but Alvarez still finds *The Interpretation of Dreams* fascinating reading, in spite of recognising that Freud's theory of dreams can no longer be supported. He and I agree with Jung in supposing that dreaming, or "unconscious phantasy" as Melanie Klein called it, is a continuous process which goes on during the day as well as the night. We get glimpses of this activity when we remember our dreams on waking, or when we enter the state of reverie which is the birthplace of so many creative solutions to both scientific and aesthetic problems.

Many readers will be familiar with Coleridge's preoccupation with dreams and especially nightmares. Alvarez accepts Coleridge's own statement that he took opium to ward off nightmares without exploring the possibility, adduced by Alethea Hayter in *Opium and the Romantic Imagination* that his worst nightmares were actually caused by opium.

I was delighted to encounter the Marquis Marie Jean Leon Hervey de Saint-Denys, an orientalist who was obsessed with dreams, and who claimed to be able to influence the course of his dreams by deliberately moving in and out of the state of dreaming. He trained himself to recall those intrusions of the unconscious which occur between sleep and waking which most of us find so difficult to capture. As Alvarez says: "Hypnagogic hallucinations are purer than dreams because they are less structured", and I am envious of Hervey's ability to recall them.

Poker-player and mountaineer, Alvarez has always been avid for adventure, so it is unsurprising that his exploration of nightlife includes trips in police cars in both London and New York. There have been so many cases of financial corruption, faking evidence, and violence among the police themselves on both sides of the Atlantic in recent years, that we tend to forget what an awful, dangerous job they do.

Alvarez paints a grim picture of the night-world of crime: "starved and battered children, tortured animals, old people dead from hypothermia in locked flats, the blood and brain matter and fragments of bone left on the tarmac after a road accident — an unending overdose of horror." Yet these are the scenes which the police encounter every night. We are not sufficiently grateful for their protection.

This is an unusual and enthralling book, which I enjoyed enormously.

Under the skin of a surrealist

Mark Le Fanu

BUÑUEL
By John Baxter
Fourth Estate, £18.99

DESPITE years of sustained sniping by academics against "auteurism", the glamour of classic films remains obstinately wedded to the personality of the film-maker. The Spanish director Luis Buñuel, who died in 1983, was certainly such a legend; and in his autobiography *My Last Breath* — ghosted in the early 1980s by his long-time scenarist and collaborator Jean-Claude Carrière — the lineaments of a personal mythology are laid out with incomparable urbanity.

In that book we saw him from the calmness of old age — his talents honoured, his malice mellowed, though fortunately not entirely evaporated. The bourgeoisie, which formerly he had excoriated, was found in later years to possess a discreet charm. By birth and upbringing he was bourgeois himself: his father was a wealthy landowner from Calanda.

What remained constant from his spiritual inheritance, after he had espoused atheism and the cult of the apache, was a certain ceremoniousness and modest grandeur: a concern that the little rituals of daily life — fixing a martini, or meeting an old friend for lunch in a restaurant — should be conducted decorously and expansively.

Oddly enough, the firebrand elements of Buñuel's personality fit in perfectly well with this punctiliousness. Even in his surrealist provocations, he wanted to remain cool and above the throng. John Baxter's biography becomes engaging at precisely those moments when he catches Buñuel's all-encompassing suavity on the hop.

Looking at Buñuel's career as it develops — rather than in retrospect — is to see how often the great director was embarrassed: not only in the financial sense, but also by a hesitation in front of uncomfortable life-choices which ideally should not afflict a free spirit. Should he, for example, marry? Or christen his child? Or work in Hollywood? Or fight for the loyalists in Spain? Should he admit to being a communist? Baxter brings out a side of Buñuel that was questing and socially insecure, not always (with women) very gallant; and physically very often clumsy.

It is an attractive portrait nevertheless, which does not lose the sight of the steel beneath: the seriousness and long-term dedication of the man as an artist. Baxter has interviewed many people close to the director. He writes fluently and with assurance about Buñuel's milieu. The only fault in a book which all enthusiasts will want is in its film criticism. This is unfocused and lacking in energy. A more rigorous textual exegesis would have made the book stronger and more serious.

The generosity of genius

Sean French

JEAN RENOIR
Letters
Edited by Lorraine LoBianco and David Thompson
Faber, £25

Renoir: tossed like a shipwreck

Most film critics and filmmakers would agree that Jean Renoir was one of the greatest of all directors. He was no innovator on the scale of D.W. Griffith, nor a flamboyant showman like Orson Welles. He dealt with large subjects — war (in *La Grande Illusion*), the decline of a ruling class (in *La Règle du Jeu*) — but in a style of startling naturalism, using improvisatory acting and editing. This, surely, was what he inherited from the Impressionist movement, of which his father, Auguste Renoir, was a leading member.

This large, fascinating collection of Renoir's letters forms a composite portrait of a life which was, as Ingrid Bergman puts it, "difficult, confusing and maybe tossed like a shipwreck". His letters show every side of him except for his genius.

Here is the life of every film director, whether hack or visionary. We see him defending himself against the accusation that *La Grande Illusion* was plagiarised (which forces him into a detailed account of its inspiration), pleading with a producer not to fire him then changing his mind and demanding to be fired, conducting arcane negotiations with an Indian prince, cajoling fellow artists like Clifford Odets and Pablo Picasso, restlessly travelling in search of money and subject matter.

Like many European artists and performers, Renoir escaped to Hollywood at the outbreak of the Second World War. Like most of them he found that his huge non-American reputation counted for almost nothing. (Marcel Dalio, the star of *La Règle du Jeu* and *La Grande Illusion*, was reduced to playing — very well — the comic croupier in *Casablanca*.) Born in 1894, Renoir was too old to remake his career in Hollywood but there was nothing tragic about his fate there.

These letters show him conducting himself with immense dignity. He never capitulated and he produced two films, *The Southerner* (co-written with William Faulkner) and *Diary of a Chambermaid* that were both entirely worthy of him.

There is an immense generosity about Renoir which extends to his characters. There are no casual villains or bores in his films — "Every man has his reasons" as Octave (played by Renoir himself) says in *La Règle du Jeu*. The same breadth of sympathy runs through this book.

He was one of the great inspirers of young directors of very different kinds. Luchino Visconti was an assistant on *Une Partie de Campagne*, Robert Aldrich on *The Southerner*, Satyajit Ray on his Indian masterpiece, *The River*. The leading figures of the French new wave — Truffaut, Godard, Malle — looked to him as their cinematic father.

Unlike so many directors, Renoir never relapsed into resentment of younger men. In one letter he reflects that "our profession is the only one which is not anachronistic. I don't mean to say that the other art-forms are obsolete, but that their success is due to individuals."

How marvellous that this should be written by a man of 80. How marvellous also that it should be expressed not about his own work, but about that of François Truffaut, in response to a collection of Truffaut's film criticism. This is a truly heartening book.

A wilting King of the May

Robert Nye

COSMOPOLITAN GREETINGS
By Allen Ginsberg
Penguin, £7.99

MILLENNIAL FABLES
By Peter Porter
Oxford Paperbacks, £7.99

ENDS AND BEGINNINGS
By Iain Crichton Smith
Carcanet, £8.95

PN REVIEW 100
Edited by Michael Schmidt
402 Corn Exchange, Manchester M4 3BQ, £7.99

ALLEN Ginsberg used to be famous for stripping off his clothes as he read his poems aloud in public. But he was always more interesting than this suggests. At best, as in the early and powerful "Howl" (1956), his work was inspired by authentic rage against America's "death culture," and his Whitmanesque outpourings had political as well as personal force. Later, his elegy for his mother in "Kaddish" (1961) showed Ginsberg as a moralist capable of moving through private grief to some larger truth. Such poems stripped the poet's heart in the writing. Reading them was to share the anguish.

There is no verse of comparable quality in *Cosmopolitan Greetings*, the 68-year-old Ginsberg's latest book. However restlessly their scenes shift from Beijing and Warsaw to Nicaragua and New York, the poems return again and again to the same theme: what it is like to be an ageing, balding, wilting King of the May. The elderly rebel seems to have lost the sense of humour which once made him subversive. He gives us a long diatribe against the evils of tobacco. He gives us a short ode in praise of his own anal sphincter. Saddest of all, in "Salutations to Fernando Pessoa", Ginsberg compares himself very favourably to a much superior poet, indulging in what looks like an orgy of self-congratulation. He boasts about the number of languages into which "my celebrated Howl" has been translated. Irony may be intended, but it is not achieved.

The best thing in the volume is its prefatory poem, 43 statements each beginning "I write poetry because ..." The first of these is memorable: "I write poetry because the English word Inspiration comes from Latin 'Spiritus', breath, *I want to breathe freely.*" Ginsberg in this mood and mode can be truly beguiling. A pity there is not more such candour in the rest of the book.

Peter Porter might seem a trickster by comparison, but allow for a quite separate tradition of witty artifice and his *Millennial Fables* can be welcomed as an attractive box of tricks. "Hudibrastics in a Hurry" — a title which could apply to a lot of his work — strikes me as particularly clever, and not untypical in that its intelligence appears ultimately a touch heartless.

Byron and Pope and Butler are the masters here, but Porter dances his own dance in their footsteps. He once described his work as dealing with "the art and life of the past, the everyday life of the present", and that would be true of this book, his thirtieth (he is nothing if not prolific).

Born in Brisbane in 1929, Porter has lived mostly in London since the early Fifties but the interesting thing is that for all his sophistication his poetic voice has never quite acquired an English accent. I recall a line from about five volumes back: "I want to get myself a piece of real." Only an Australian could have written that. There are similar vibrancies in the new work, especially in the second half of the book, entitled "Homage to Robert Browning", a series of monologues and character pieces in which different voices are made to speak. Here is literary cunning and accomplishment of a high order.

With the exception of Sorley MacLean (who of course writes in Gaelic), Iain Crichton Smith must be the finest Scottish poet since Hugh MacDiarmid. Patiently, far away from the distractions of fame, he has worked over the past four decades to refine a style that was always original to the point where he seems able now to make poetry out of anything that occurs to him.

Born on Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, Smith understands the Calvinist conscience from the inside. He has written unforgettably about its effects on rural Scottish life, yet he is not in the last analysis a "regional" writer. His landscapes are countries of the mind.

All this is evident in *Ends and Beginnings*, a collection as various as any Smith has written, ranging from a long meditation on the Israeli-Palestinian War occasioned by a visit to the Golan Heights to small but telling observations on the nature of poetry itself: "Poetry is a swart planet/ with which we are in touch, from which/ we receive at certain times messages. One of Smith's best poems is about two girls he heard singing on a bus — "the unpredicted voices of our kind". It is spontaneities such as this which his work celebrates, setting them against all dogma.

MICHAEL Schmidt's *PN Review* has reached its 100th issue — a rare feat for a little magazine, but then *PN Review* has always been exceptional. Edgell Rickword and Laura Riding head the list of 88 poets represented in this centennial number. The whole is called "A Calendar of Modern Poetry", and stands as testament to the magazine's seriousness and dedication over the past two decades.

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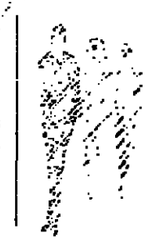

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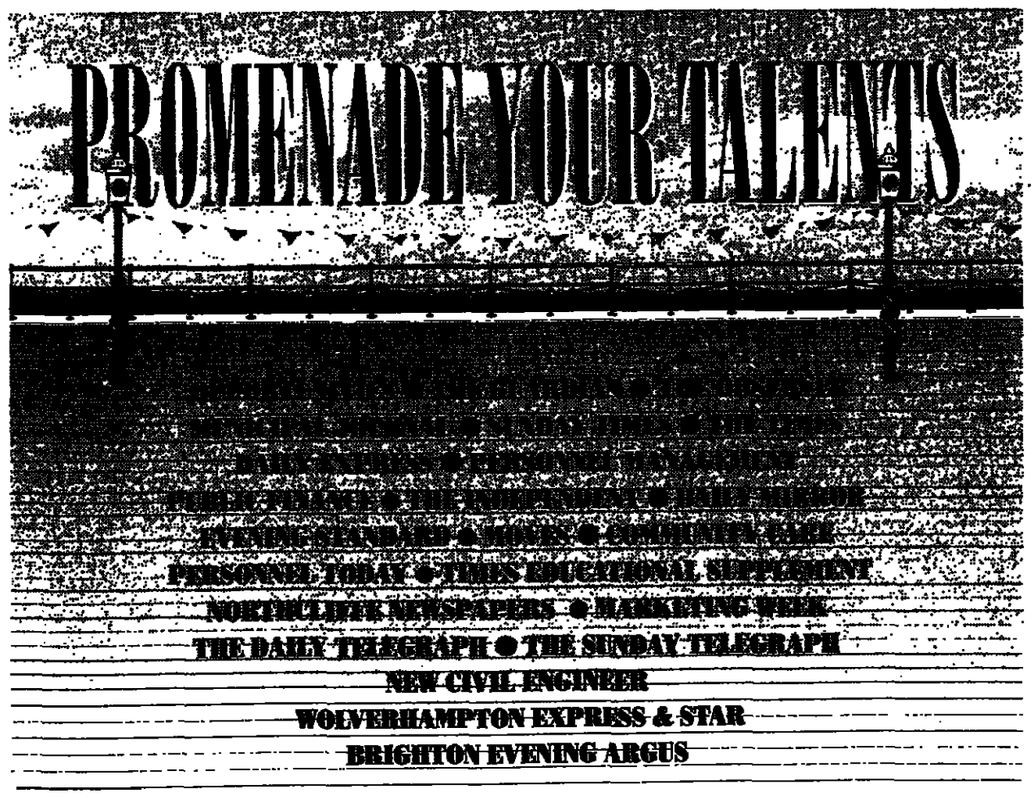

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Rye warms to trials of President's Putter

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

A WINTRY sun streamed onto the East Sussex marshland. A biting wind, blown with vigour from the Alps, sliced across the golf course. Inside the sturdy, single-storey clubhouse at Rye, ham and scrambled eggs were being eaten, claret was being drunk.

Over port and cheese, the reminiscences were of the weather and of England's performance in the Test match *in Australia, subjects of conversation* that will be discussed as long as England remains England.

Thus it was on the eve, this year, of the President's Putter, which is amateur golf's annual celebration of glorious madness. It is a ritual that could take place only in a country where people break the ice to go swimming on Christmas Day.

Ernie Els will start favourite in the Bell's Cup, which starts at Fancourt golf club in the coastal town of George *in South Africa* today. Mark McNulty and Tony Johnstone, from Zimbabwe, and Barry Lane, of Great Britain, will provide his main opposition.

The President's Putter is played at Rye, that glorious course three miles from the ancient town, by members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. By tradition it is held in early January, the time when snow, ice, heavy frost and all other unpleasant climatic conditions are prone to be at their most severe in the bottom right-hand corner of England.

This is all part of the event's appeal. The golf is the main thing, of course, but the pain and discomfort inflicted by playing in such conditions and the bliss of warming up in convivial surroundings afterwards, contribute to the success of this event. The President's Putter just would not be the same if it were played each midsummer.

It had looked as though the weather was going to play its part to perfection this year. Snow fell on New Year's Day, *dousing the countryside in* what looked like icing sugar. Heavy frost bit deep into the soil and caused the course to be closed on Monday and Tuesday. It was touch and go whether this exotic competition would start on time.

Then, on Tuesday night, a warm wind began to blow, drawing the frost out of the ground and, as the competitors gathered at Rye yesterday, they were greeted by a course that looked to be in wonderful condition. Trevor Ockenden, the greenkeeper for more than 30 years, spoke *reassuring words in the* warmth of the secretary's office: "There won't be any snow," he said. "The wind needs to change for that and I don't think it will."

So, just after dawn this morning, men will leave the warmth of their lodgings in the honeycombed town of Rye and make their way down to the golf club. There they will dress as Scott did for the Antarctic and head off for a round of golf. Give or take a few, 150 of them will start this morning to compete at *matchplay over 18 holes and* two will be left to fight out the final on Sunday.

Since the format of the competition requires eight matches to be played in four days, it is fair to say that the winner will be a golfer with ability and a strong constitution.

Young and old come from far and wide to play in the President's Putter, from Hong Kong, Australia, Germany, the Bahamas and the United States. The youngest are the members of the university teams, some of whom are barely one fourth the age of Peter Gracey, who is gracing this event for a 46th time. Gracey, a Wellingtonian, was born in December 1912.

"Oh dear," the gentlemanly Gracey said yesterday afternoon as he took off his golf shoes and rested his bag of clubs, which he always carries over his shoulder, against a wall just outside the changing room. "My golf is so bad at present."

It did not matter. One of the many charms of the President's Putter is that there is hardly an event of comparable importance in the world of sport where the result matters less. At Rye this week it is the *taking part, and the manner of* the taking part, that counts. And that, in these combative sporting days, is a blessed, if brief, relief.

Ambitious Borg aiming to outfox City

***Russell Kempson** talks to a Diadora League manager relishing the chance to pit his wits against top-flight rivals*

MARC ASPLAND

Fred, the club mascot, Borg and the Enfield team hope to leave Leicester City open-mouthed on Saturday

On the non-league circuit, George Borg has been there, seen it, done it. A player with Leytonstone, Dulwich Hamlet, Wycombe Wanderers, *Dartford and Maidstone* United. He has also read the book, watched the film, worn the T-shirt. Player-manager with Barking and Chelmsford, manager with Chesham United, Harrow Borough and now Enfield. For him, the semi-professional game holds few surprises or secrets.

At 36, the urge for further *development*, extra challenges is in control. Just. He is only in his first season in sole charge at Southbury Road as Enfield, upwardly mobile among the leaders of the Diadora League premier division, flex their muscles for a push back to the GM Vauxhall Conference after a five-year absence.

FA CUP

Good times, good prospects. Yet at Filbert Street on Saturday, against Leicester City in the third round of the FA Cup, Borg will experience all that he aspires to. A chance to pit his wits at a more exalted and exacting level, a chance to test his powers of motivation and inspiration as never before. An enticing example of what, ultimately, might lie in store for the former electrician and interior decorator.

"Of course I'm ambitious," he said. "I'd love to manage in the league, who wouldn't? I want to progress as high as possible and it's probably just a question of getting recognised, of getting that bit of luck and making someone sit up and take notice."

Borg took over from Graham Roberts, ascending from his assistant's role, at the start of the season after the former Tottenham Hotspur defender had moved on by mutual consent. A two-year contract, however, lies gathering dust in the clubhouse. "Contracts are supposedly not worth the paper they are written on and *that's about right," he said.*

"I'm quite content with a handshake or gentlemen's agreement, call it what you want. It's no great problem. I'm working with good people here, intelligent people with a good football knowledge, and I'm happy. If I'm happy, I'll stay: if not, I'll probably get the sack."

Borg is employed full-time, a rarity in the Diadora fraternity, and in many other aspects is already among the professionals. Enfield think big, act big and feel they are *simply biding their time* before swiftly graduating to league status. The club finances are healthy and Tony Lazarou, the chairman and managing director, has imaginative plans for a state-of-the-art leisure complex around Southbury Road.

In keeping with its go-ahead image, the club has *coped patiently and diligently* with the overwhelming demand for information and interviews this week, even using its close links with the Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, to maximise publicity opportunities.

Fred, a sick three-year-old fox who was taken in by the park and restored to health, has been adopted as the Enfield mascot against Leicester, nicknamed the Foxes. Borg, grey of hair, born in Bethnal Green and with a typical East End sense of fun, has joined in the frivolities. Thus, the Silver Fox meets the red fox meets *the Foxes. Geddit?*

'Whatever happens, my team will certainly not lie down and die'

Saturday is serious, though, with Borg already hatching a cunning plan. He watched at Portman Road on Monday as Leicester lost 4-1 *against Ipswich Town and* has spotted weaknesses he hopes his players will exploit. "If they defend like that against us, we must have a shout," he said.

Enfield are dipping their feet in almost uncharted waters. It is only the second time they have reached the third round and the first time they have played opposition from the top flight. However, they have claimed nine league scalps in previous Cup sorties, *including Cardiff City* and Torquay United this season.

Though Borg will be without the valuable services of Gary Abbott, fruit and veg *seller and leading goalscorer*, because of suspension, he retains a mood of cheery optimism. "One thing is certain," he said. "Whatever happens, my team will certainly not lie down and die."

As always, the Diadora title and re-entry to the Conference remain the priorities. FA Cup romance and a *projected profit of more than* £80,000 from Filbert Street is a bonus.

Borg has no illusions. Yet, when the former Millwall apprentice recalls his football past, he catches a possible glimpse of the future. At Dulwich, he was managed by Alan Smith, now at Crystal Palace; at Maidstone, he was *managed by Barry Fry, now* at Birmingham City. Oh to emulate the men he once obeyed. "Nice thought, isn't it?" he said.

Absence makes Bristol's task grow harder

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the Courage Clubs Championship entered *its* midwinter break, Bath were in their usual position, on top. Yet they looked thoughtfully at the match with which, on *Saturday*, they will resume their league programme, away to Bristol.

Four defeats mean that Bristol, in fourth place, are off the pace as title candidates, but they will always give themselves a prospect of doing well against Bath, even though they have yet to beat them in the league. They would fancy themselves rather more if they did not have a string of worrying injuries to be resolved.

Three international-squad members and their leading points scorer *could miss the* game. Paul Hull, the England full back, is desperate for a game after damaging an Achilles tendon playing against Canada on December 10, to prove his fitness to himself as much as to the England selectors, who, during warm-weather training in Lanzarote over the new year, played Mike Catt at full back in the prospective senior side.

Brian Hanlon, Bristol's coaching co-ordinator, will leave a decision on Hull as late as possible but *faces* the possible absence of Simon Shaw, the England squad lock, Alan Sharp, the Scotland loose-head prop, and Mark Tainton, who is among the country's top-ten scorers.

"We are a strong prospect at home," Hanlon said. "We have only lost to Wasps when three key players were missing, and if we play like we did against *Leicester* in November, we must have a chance."

However, even if his pack can force the pace as it did against Bath on the opening weekend of the league, in September, a goal-kicker is needed to punish any mistakes. If Tainton has not recovered from an operation on his nose, broken playing *against Clifton on New Year's* Eve, Nick Edmonds, the former Bridgwater stand-off half, will play, while Dave Bennett, late of Newcastle Gosforth, stands by for Hull.

☐ Michael Bradley, the Ireland captain, who aggravated a wrist injury in the international against the United States in November and *missed the inter-provincial* championship, will play for Cork Constitution on Saturday in the All-Ireland League match with Blackrock College.

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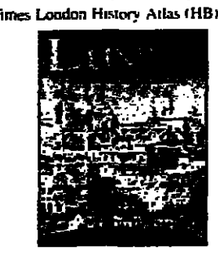

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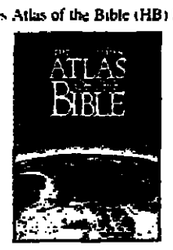

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Benn faces difficult bout with McClellan

NIGEL BENN has the toughest contest of his career when he defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight title for the seventh time at the London Arena on February 25 (Srikumar Sen writes). He meets Gerald McClellan, of the United States, the former WBC middle*weight champion, who has* vacated his title and moved up a division.

Benn, who has purse parity with the challenger, is expected to be paid well over £1 *million. The promoter, Frank* Warren, expects gate receipts to exceed £1 million from a full house of 11,500.

"Nigel is looking forward to a tear-up," Warren said yesterday. "With both men packing dynamite in either hand, a distance fight looks highly unlikely."

McClellan, 27, has lost only two bouts out of 33 in five years as a professional and 29 of his 31 wins have come inside five rounds. He won the World Boxing Organisation middleweight title by knocking out John Mugabi in one round and then won the WBC version of the title by stopping Julian Jackson in five rounds.

***In the return, he took one* round to dispose of Jackson but injured his hand and has not boxed for nine months as a result. His three WBC defences lasted just 3½ minutes.**

Benn had already started training in Tenerife in anticipation of a defence against either McClellan or Frederic Selier, of France.

Lennox Lewis returns to the ring on March 18 when he meets Lionel Butler, the WBC No 3, in a final eliminator for *the WBC heavyweight title in* Las Vegas. The winner will meet Oliver McCall, who took the title from Lewis.

SPORTS LETTERS

Evidence against cormorants

From Mr E. R. Kelly

Sir, The RSPB (Graham Wynne, December 29) is flying in the face of the facts if it chooses to ignore the growing body of evidence of cormorant damage to fish stocks in many areas of the country. Brian Clarke's lucid survey of the situation (December 21) confirmed what a great many anglers, fishery owners and river keepers already know to their cost.

Members of my association, representing the premier still-water trout fisheries in England and Wales and providing facilities for *many thousands* of anglers, are suffering *significant financial loss as more* and more cormorants move from their traditional and fish-depleted coastal waters to enclosed stillwaters. Stocking waters with good-quality trout is an expensive business and no fishery manager can watch with equanimity as an ever-increasing number of cormorants takes quantities of fish and damage a great many more. A serious level of predation of such prestigious fisheries as Chew and Grafham is plainly visible, and even the smaller fisheries around the country, which in earlier years hardly ever saw a cormorant, now find themselves playing unhappy hosts to these birds.

Nor is the problem confined to the UK: organisations in Northern and Central Europe are becoming concerned about the influence of cormorants on fish stocks and are seeking to concert efforts to bring the *situation under control*. Almost every conference of angling or fishery interests has cormorant predation on its agenda.

ASGFM, an organisation as conservationally minded as any in the country, this year commissioned the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, an organisation of international *repute, to examine the situation* in some depth. The evidence supplied by ASGFM fishery managers, most of whom live with the problem almost daily, as well as that taken from the Trust's own sources, left no *doubt that the cormorant* population is expanding at a rate that bodes ill for future fish stocks. Without wishing to recap on Brian Clarke's well-informed article, I must underline two of the important research conclusions, that (a) cormorant numbers are increasing by between six and 10 per cent per year and (b) more than 70 per cent of ASGFM members reported they are suffering "significant economic damage".

Proposals for further research may be in the pipeline, but my members will certainly endorse Brian's admonition: "What is absolutely not needed is more ruminating research in the face of the self-evident, with effective action suspended in the meantime." Everyone involved in angling now looks to MAFF, DoE, NRA and the other organisations (including Brussels) which share responsibilities *for management and control* of cormorants to adopt a more positive and urgent response to their situation.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. KELLY,
Chairman,
Association of Stillwater Game Fishery Managers,
Packington Fisheries,
Meriden, Coventry.

Club rivalries

From Mr Peter J. Golley

Sir, I *much enjoyed* David Hands's piece on Cornish rugby union (report, December 27). His pinpointing of the animosities that beset the sport in Cornwall is particularly apposite.

However, the inter-club rivalries that he indicates are part and parcel of the *Cornish temperament: did not* the greatest of Cornish literati, Doctor A. L. Rowse, write in *Discovering Shakespeare*: "... as a good Celt [I] have not forgiven it"? For all that, when Trelawny's Army marches on Twickenham, "One and All" suddenly comes into its own!

Yours faithfully,
PETER GOLLEY,
1, Willow Tree Close,
Okehampton,
Devon.

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Record put straight

From Mr Alan Coging

Sir, Mr Russell Kempson (report, December 27) reports the record set by the Mansfield Town team when ten of its players were "booked" in an FA Cup third-round match, away to Crystal Palace in January 1963.

As a former resident of Mansfield, I went to see that game. Mansfield led Palace 2-1 throughout the second half but were denied victory when Palace equalised with the last kick of the match, a penalty, hotly disputed because the "offending" player slipped in *the mud when making* a tackle — and, in any case, it was very doubtful if he was actually in the penalty area at the moment of impact.

The Mansfield players were so *incensed that they lined up* and gave the unfortunate referee a "slow handclap" as he left the field. He promptly booked ten of them — who the one was who "got away" must remain a mystery.

However, they got the matter put right by defeating Palace 7-2 in the replay at Mansfield.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN COGING,
6 Orchard Avenue,
Shirley, Croydon,
Surrey.

Teachers deserve some credit

From Mr David Lomas

Sir, Since the events of Melbourne, where English cricket plumbed new depths, much has been said and written about the remedies for the illness from which the game in this country suffers.

As usual, the schools come in for criticism. There is certainly much that could be done to improve matters, if the Government wishes. But when a new hero emerges, such as Darren Gough, do many people know his background as captain of Barnsley Schools sides (from under-11 — with a girl in the side) to under-15, and as a pupil at a state comprehensive school?

Why don't the teachers, still working so hard against the odds, ever get credit for their mostly voluntary effort?

As honorary secretary of Croydon Schools' Cricket Association — one of the oldest in the country, which celebrated its centenary season in 1994 in style, I know just how active and committed the teachers are at all types of school in Croydon. My track record as manager of our under-15 district side is light years ahead of that of Keith Fletcher.

Our philosphy is simple: Play fair (acept all umpiring decisions, win if you can (but it's only a game, not a war) and, most important of all, enjoy it.

Of course, the professional game ethos is different. What is desperately called for is a captain with a cricket brain (and not just a Cambridge degree) and men of vision to drag the game into the next century.

*As a Yorkshireman, I de*clare my interest. I await the call from Lord's — or 10 Downing Street!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LOMAS,
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Croydon, Surrey.

Tribute to May

From Mr Patrick Shovelton

Sir, In your tributes to Peter May (report, December 28) mention is made of his prowess at other sports as well as cricket. At Cambridge he played football for the university against Oxford for three years running, but it was at Eton Fives he excelled. He was the outstanding player of his generation, winning, with his brother, John, the Kinnaird Cup (the Open championship) 1951, 1952 and 1953 — a fact which, with typical modesty, he never recorded in his *Who's Who* entry. He virtually retired from the game at 24; otherwise the brothers May would have been champions *many more years.*

Yours faithfully,
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Shilton suspended over unpaid tax

By Russell Kempson

PETER SHILTON, the Plymouth Argyle manager and former England goalkeeper, was yesterday suspended on full pay by the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club. He has been told to stay away from the ground and will not be in charge for the FA Cup third-round tie at Nottingham Forest, one of his former clubs, on Saturday.

Steve McCall, 34, the former Ipswich Town and Sheffield Wednesday midfield player, has been appointed temporary player-manager and will lead Plymouth at the City Ground. Ian Bowyer, Shilton's assistant at Home Park and another former Forest favourite, will help McCall until the situation is resolved, probably next week. It is believed the club's lawyers are looking at Shilton's contract to clarify exactly what further action is open to them. Shilton is also taking legal advice.

Shilton, 45, was summoned to a board meeting at the club to explain why he had been unable to pay a tax debt of £50,000. Dan McCauley, the Plymouth chairman, had given yesterday as the deadline for him to settle the outstanding liability or face dismissal. In the event, neither happened, with Shilton arriving a quarter of an hour late for the meeting, spending only six minutes in it and then collecting a briefcase from his office before leaving Home Park.

"I've been suspended for a few days pending further discussions," he said. "After that, I will have another meeting with the board." McCauley emerged later and said: "Peter has been advised to stay away, and he will not be allowed to travel on the team coach on Saturday, but he is more than entitled to make his own way there." He disclosed that, since November, the club had been deducting money from Shilton's wages — understood to be £110,000 a year — to cover alleged debts.

Shilton's highly publicised problems stem from the day he succeeded David Kemp as manager in March 1992. Plymouth agreed a signing-on fee reputed to be worth £125,000 but left Shilton to pay the £50,000 tax bill on it. This, the club claims, has not happened and is the crux of the latest dispute between McCauley and Shilton.

While the team remained reasonably competitive in the league, much of the growing antagonism between chairman and manager remained hidden. Though Plymouth were relegated from the old second division, now the first division, at the end of the 1991-92 season, Shilton was deemed not responsible as he had been in charge for only two months.

In the 1992-93 campaign, Plymouth finished fourteenth in the new second division and last season they produced their best form under Shilton. They finished third but missed promotion after losing 3-1 on aggregate to Burnley in the play-off semi-finals.

It was a portent of things to come, with Plymouth's fortunes sliding from merely frustrating to abysmal. They are fourth from bottom in the second division and McCauley has indulged in the most public condemnation of Shilton and his alleged tangle of financial troubles.

Although Shilton, who won a record 125 England caps, signed a new two-year contract only three months ago, his relationship with McCauley has now deteriorated to the point of almost no return. McCauley has claimed, at regular intervals over the past few months, that the club has made Shilton a series of loans, some of which are still outstanding.

Shilton has also fallen out with John McGovern, his former assistant at Home Park, and Martin Pipe, the racehorse trainer. McGovern left Plymouth in October, claiming Shilton still owed him £7,000 from a personal loan that should have been repaid a year ago. Last month, Shilton was the subject of a bankruptcy petition by Pipe over unpaid training fees of £3,000, but the debt has since been settled.

Shilton's troubled reign as Plymouth manager was temporarily halted yesterday. Photograph: Chris Smith

Reading duo eye permanent post

By Our Sports Staff

READING'S caretaker-manager pairing of Mick Gooding and Jimmy Quinn are hoping that supporter power will drive them into the Elm Park hot-seats on a permanent basis when the club announces its decision today. Gooding and Quinn, both 35-year-old players, have overseen the team since Mark McGhee left for Leicester City last month.

Reading have stayed in contention in the first division promotion race by losing only one of their five games without an official manager. Gooding, the versatile midfield player twice voted player of the year in McGhee's three-year reign, said: "The supporters seem behind us, which is really encouraging. We don't want to make excuses but, considering the number of players we've had out injured, we think the team's done really well. Jimmy and I think we've acquitted ourselves quite decently — now we'll have to wait and see what the board think."

High-profile managers such as Osvaldo Ardiles and Mike Walker, who started his playing career with Reading, are also thought to be in the running. The club has called a news conference for 9.30am. The new manager, or managers, will be in charge for Reading's third-round FA Cup tie at home to Oldham Athletic on Saturday.

☐ Brian Hamilton made a short journey through Edinburgh yesterday and so crossed one of football's great cultural divides (Kevin McCarra writes). The Hibernian midfield player has agreed to join Heart of Midlothian in a transfer, the value of which may have to be fixed by tribunal.

Hamilton had been at Easter Road since joining Hibernian from St Mirren for £275,000 in 1989. The club expects at least to recoup that sum, but the Hearts manager, Tommy McLean, values the player at only £175,000. Hamilton, 28, had been operating on monthly contracts after failing to agree new terms with Hibernian.

Six-month ban on Ledger

By Christopher Irwine

THE Rugby Football League (RFL) has banned Barry Ledger, of Swinton, for six months, after learning that a second sample given by the former Great Britain winger also contained traces of cannabis detected by a drugs test eight weeks ago.

It is not the maximum suspension available under the Rugby League by-laws. That is two years, which was the term recently given Jamie Bloem, the former Doncaster and South Africa full back, in the first case of steroid abuse in the sport in this country.

Although cannabis is not considered a performance-enhancing drug, the RFL said the ban imposed on Ledger reflected a determination to stamp out any form of drug abuse. In the only other case of a player known to have taken cannabis, the RFL banned Dave Watson, the Bradford Northern and New Zealand full back, for three months after he tested positive while playing for Halifax in 1992.

Ledger's suspension is backdated to November 29, when news of the first positive test was announced. He had been tested after the second division match against Ryedale three weeks earlier. Ledger, 32, then asked that his B sample be analysed and the Sports Council's drug-testing unit confirmed traces of cannabis.

After a two-hour hearing in Leeds, Ledger said he felt the sentence was too long, although he did not plan to appeal. As it has ruled him out for the remainder of the season, he is assessing his future in the game. Swinton, in the meantime, are to retain the player's registration forms.

Malcolm White, the Swinton chairman, said: "We presented Barry's excellent record and submitted mitigating circumstances. While we feel the sentence was very severe, we support the Rugby League in its determination to eliminate any misuse of drugs."

Rugby league's reputation for being a drugs-free sport is one the League is anxious to reassert. Rodney Walker, the RFL chairman and chairman of the Sports Council, said: "The image of our game is very important to all of us at Chapeltown Road [RFL headquarters] and we are determined to warn all rugby league players about the folly of drug abuse."

Bloem's appeal was held up yesterday because his solicitor was unavailable. A new date has yet to be fixed.

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Kong faces fitness battle

By Richard Eaton

KONG LINGHUI, the Asian table tennis champion some say could be the next world champion, is fighting to regain fitness in time for the English open, which begins at Thornaby Pavilion today. The presence of Kong, 19, as second seed is crucial not only to add prestige to the tournament, which is the highlight of the British calendar, but as a possible dress rehearsal for the sport's most fascinating confrontation.

Kong, if he plays, will be confronted by the No 1 seed, Peter Karlsson, the former world champion, Jorgen Persson and the former European champion, Mikael Appelgren — three of the leading men who helped Sweden to take the world team title three times in a row.

Kong played only three matches in the recent series against England before suffering an injured shoulder. He had already shown, however, that the speed of his top spin loop is frightening, that his backhand block positions itself as if gifted with radar and that he has the quick, quiet footwork of a killer.

"So much in big tournaments depends on temperament, but in certain areas he has obvious class and from the middle of the table he is probably the best player I have ever faced," Alan Cooke, of England, a silver medal-winner at the Commonwealth Games, said.

If Kong can produce some of that form against the aggression of Karlsson and the fluent genius of Persson, it could provide the English open with a unique forerunner. There is unlikely to be further meetings between the Swedes and the Chinese before the latter seek world championship revenge on the Scandinavians at Tientsin in May.

It is possible that the three other Chinese who helped to beat England in the six-match series, Xiong Ke, Li Jing and Jiang Shan, could be serious contenders, both now and in May. Another former Chinese international, Chen Xinhu, the émigré who now plays for Britain, is, however, seeded fourth behind Karlsson, Kong and Persson at Thornaby.

Chen, nearly 35, has been bothered by a thigh injury and worries over the continuation of his contract with the German club, Ochsenhausen.

Of England's other seeded players, Carl Prean has withdrawn because of injury and Lisa Lomas is hoping to regain full match fitness in time for the tournament.

Sport in Brief

Germany secure semi-final place

BORIS BECKER and Anke Huber powered to impressive singles victories yesterday as Germany beat Austria 2-1 and clinched a place in the semi-finals of the Hopman Cup team tennis championship in Perth, Australia. Huber beat Judith Wiesner 6-1, 6-2 in the opening women's singles and Becker then hit 15 aces in taking just 70 minutes to overcome Horst Skoff 6-3, 6-4 at the Burswood Dome. The Austrians restored some pride when they won a lighthearted and irrelevant mixed-doubles match.

Germany, the No 2 seeds, will now meet France, the No 6 seeds, who upset Spain, the No 3 seeds, 3-0 in their quarter-final. Julie Halard enjoyed ab unexpected success when she beat Conchita Martinez, the Wimbledon singles champion, 7-6, 7-5 and Jean-Philippe Fleurian then sealed victory with a 7-5, 6-1 triumph over Alberto Costa.

Three-prong challenge

SQUASH: England's chances of recovering the Drysdale Cup strengthened at Lambs Club, London, yesterday when three of the quarter-finals in the under-19 category of the Commercial Union British junior championship were won by home players. Chris Tomlinson, John Dale and Iain Higgins. Tomlinson, of Kent, effectively the top seed after the late withdrawal of the defending champion, Ahmed Barada, of Egypt, cruised through by beating Kenneth Low, of Malaysia, 9-1, 9-2, 9-5 in 28 minutes. The other semi-finalist is Markus Koppitz, of Germany, who came from two games down to beat another Malaysian, Michael Soo.

Vatanen stretches lead

MOTOR RALLYNG: Ari Vatanen, of Finland, almost doubled his lead in the Dakar rally yesterday despite getting lost briefly during the fourth stage in Morocco. Vatanen started the day more than seven minutes ahead of his Citroën team-mate, Pierre Lartigue, of France, and ended it with an advantage of 14 minutes over another Citroën driver, Timo Salonen, a fellow Finn, who moved up to second. Jean-Pierre Fontenay, of France, produced the best performance of the day, but Vatanen drove hard after his deviation to finish better than the rest of his main rivals.

Win for needled Foster

SWIMMING: Mark Foster, of Britain, completed a winning double yesterday in the World Cup short-course meeting in Hong Kong. Foster, winner of the 50 metres butterfly on the opening day, took the 50 metres freestyle in 22.46sec after a course of acupuncture treatment to ease a back injury. Franziska van Almsick, of Germany, added the 100 and 400 metres freestyle titles to her wins at 50 and 200 metres as the German squad took first place in 22 of the 34 events in the absence of competitors from China, Australia, Russia and the United States.

Gregory speaks out

DARTS: Mike Gregory insisted yesterday that the Embassy world championship, being held at Frimley Green, is the true championship. Phil Taylor won the unofficial Proton Cars world championship at Purfleet on Monday but Gregory said: "Phil is a great player but something that has gone on for 18 years, like the Embassy, must be the championship." Gregory, 38, left the British Darts Organisation (BDO) two years ago to help form the World Darts Council. He returned to the BDO after ten months.

Young wins NFL poll

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The quarterback, Steve Young, of the San Francisco 49ers, has been selected as the most-valuable player in the National Football League (NFL) by a nationwide panel of 98 writers and broadcasters polled by the Associated Press. Young had the best season of his ten-year career, breaking Joe Montana's NFL passing-rating record and team touchdown and completion percentage marks. It is Young's second most-valuable player award in three years. Montana won in 1989 and 1990.

Hungarian keeps lead

YACHTING: Sabolcs Majthenyi, from Hungary, won the fourth heat comfortably to maintain his overall lead in the world Flying Dutchman championship at St Vincent's Gulf off Adelaide, Australia yesterday. After winning the start in the long-course race over 14 nautical miles, Majthenyi rounded the first mark in front and was unchallenged for the rest of the race. Ian McCrossin, of Australia, finished 45 seconds behind in second place, with the rest of the fleet a further two minutes astern.

French team ends Obree's contract

By Peter Bryan

GRAEME OBREE, who had a meteoric rise in international cycling in 1993 when, as an amateur, he set a world one-hour record and two months later won the world 4,000 metres pursuit title, faces an uncertain future as a professional.

Yesterday, just four days into a lucrative, two-year contract with Le Groupement, the new French-sponsored team, the agreement was ended by the squad director, Patrick Valke, one of Europe's most respected managers.

Obree, a 29-year-old Scot from Irvine, failed to join the team's pre-season training camp at a ski resort near Geneva on New Year's Day without explanation. He was also scheduled to attend the formal team presentation at Lille on January 9.

Obree, who has been surrounded by controversy in his 15 years in cycle racing, was not available last night. His business manager, Dublin-based Frank Quinn, said that he was "disappointed for Obree" to hear the news of his cancelled contract.

"Teams in Europe are cutting back on the number of riders they take on. Le Groupement, a French mail-order company, offered Graeme an opportunity that made him the envy of so many," Quinn said.

He would have been in a line-up that included a fellow Scot, Robert Millar, and the sponsors had agreed that Obree would be given the opportunity to prepare for an attempt on Tony Rominger's world one-hour record as well as this year's world pursuit championship in Colombia."

Close friends say that Obree was having to curtail his intensive pre-Christmas training sessions in Scotland because of severe headaches.

Obree's first appearance on the international scene was at Hamar, Norway, in July 1993, when, on his home-made machine, he added 400 metres to the world one-hour record set by Francesco Moser nine years previously. But six days later Obree's distance of 51.596km was beaten by the Olympic champion, Chris Boardman, who covered 52.270km at Bordeaux.

Obree, when favourite to retain his world pursuit crown in Sicily last August, fell foul of officialdom in his qualifying ride. First, his saddles, all home made, were not accepted but he cleared that hurdle by choosing one from a child's mountain bike. Then, moments before he started, he was warned not to allow his chest to rest on his narrow, flat-handlebars.

Obree was disqualified at the end of his time-trial and Boardman went on to win the pursuit title. Obree is Britain's fastest rider at ten miles and 50 miles on the road, with times of 18min 27sec, and 1hr 39min 01sec.

For the Record

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Portland 103 Atlanta 98; New Jersey 114 Indiana 103; Seattle 121 Washington 107; Denver 108 Minnesota 99 (2 OT); Phoenix 108 Sacramento 100; Houston 110 Dallas 98; Utah 123 Milwaukee 91; San Antonio 91 Golden State 86; LA Lakers 105 Detroit 96.

Boxing

EPERNAY, France: European light-middleweight championship: Laurent Boudouani (Fr) bt Javier Castillejo (holder, Sp) rsc 9th rnd.

Cresta run

ST MORITZ: Roger Gibbs Challenge Cup: 1, J Shipton (GB) 125.57sec; 2, C Tesdorf (Ger) 125.67; 3, D von Ribbentrop (Ger) 127.84; 4, C Ernson (GB) 128.11.

Cricket

EAST LONDON: Tour match (final day of four): Border 223 and 225-3 (A Lawson 77, F Cronje 70; Sri Lankans 464. Match drawn.

BEENLEIGH, Australia: Tour match (one day): Zimbabwe 165 (Kesprowicz 4-34); Queensland 166-8 (M Hayden 51). Queensland won by six wickets.

DURBAN: Tour match (first day of four): Natal 381 (N Wright 57, D Benkenstein 76, D Crocker 65; Kabir Khan 4-70); Pakistanis 2-0.

Darts

FRIMLEY GREEN: British Darts Organisation world championship: Second round: R Barneveld (Holl) bt D Askew (Eng) 3-0, C Monk (Eng) bt P Hunt (NZ) 3-2; M Gregory (Eng) bt I Brand (Eng) 3-2; M Adams (Eng) bt K Painter (Eng) 3-0.

Football

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Cardiff 2 Birmingham 3.

Tuesday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester United 2 Coventry 0. Postponed: Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Millwall 1 Oldham 1. Postponed: Port Vale v Stoke City

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Postponed: Runcorn v Southport.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Berwick v Queen of the South.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Everton 5 Tranmere 0; Leeds 3 Rotherham 1 Postponed: Notts County v Wolverhampton Wanderers. Second division: Birmingham 6 Burnley 0. Postponed: Leicester City v Huddersfield Town, Manchester City v Newcastle United, Mansfield Town v Middlesbrough; Preston v Bradford City.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Metropolitan Police 4 Chesham 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: Bastia 3 Amiens 0; Nice 2 Lens 3; Toulouse 2 Sochaux 1; Rennes 1 Sedan 0; Red Star 0 Montpellier 1; Perpignan 2, Strasbourg 0; Caen 3 St Etienne 1; Le Havre 1 Lille 0; Nice 0 Nantes 3; Cannes 2 Lyon 3; Metz 1 Monaco 4; Chateauroux 3 Bordeaux 1; Dunkerque 1 Marigues 0.

Motor rallying

OUARZAZATE, Morocco: Dakar rally: Third stage: 1, A Vatanen (Citroën, Fin) 4hr 17min 46sec; 2, B Saby (Mitsubishi, Fin) at 9min 32sec; 3, P Lartigue (Citroën, Fr) at 9.21; 4, T Salonen (Citroën, Fin) at 11.43; 5, K Shinozuka (Mitsubishi, Japan) at 25.51. Overall: 1, Vatanen 8hr 05min 22sec; 2, Lartigue at 7min 06sec; 3, Salonen at 8.03; 4, Saby at 12.41 Motorcycles: 1, H Kinigadner (KTM, Austria) 5hr 16min 15sec; 2, J Arcarons (Cagiva, Sp) at 3min 10sec; 3, T Magnaldi (Yamaha, Fr) at 6.52; 4, S Peterhansel (Yalmaha, Fr) at 15.32; 5, E Orioli (Cagiva, It) at 16.58.

Nordic skiing

REIT IM WINKL, Germany: Sprint relay: 1, Norway (B Engen Vik and F Lundberg) 40min 0.5sec; 2, Norway II (K Apeland and T Elden) at 28.7sec; 3, Japan (K Ogawara and Tsuguharu Ogawara) 1min 22.4sec; 4, Finland (H Mannmen and J Mantila) 1:46.0

Rackets

QUEEN'S CLUB: British under-24 championship: First round: A Hogson bt T Faulkner 15-7, 12-15, 15-12; A Scammell bt T Rees 12-15, 15-10, 15-7; M Hubbard bt S Beecroft 15-9, 15-10; C Walsh bt R Tumill 15-2, 15-6, P Le Marchand bt C Hill 15-6, 16-13, E Behn bt M Lowry 15-4, 10-15, 15-9. Second round: M Hubbard bt C Danby 15-11, 15-9; P Le Marchand bt A Orchard 6-15, 17-14, 15-10

Rugby League

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Postponed: Highfield v Whitehaven.

Rugby Union

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cancelled: Midland Schools v Australia Schools.

Ski jumping

INNSBRUCK: Four-hills tournament: 1, K Funeki (Japan) (117.50m, 111.50m) 247.70pts; 2, A Goldberger (Austria) (102.00, 112.50) 225.60; 3, M Laitinen (Fin) (108.50, 108.00) 220.70; 4, T Nieminen (Fin) (106.50, 103.00) 218.60; 5, R Meinel (Ger) (101.00, 110.00) 216.30; 6, N Jean-Prost (Fr) (97.50, 110.50) 208.90. Four-hill tournamemnt standiangs: 1, Funeki 695.1, 2, Goldberger 684.1; 3, J Ahonen (Fin) 676.3; 4, A-P Nikkola (Fin) 648.3. World Cup standiings: 1, Goldberger 420; 2, Funaki 316; 3, Ahonen 296; 4, Laitinen 185

Squash

LAMBS CLUB, London: British junior open championships: Boys: Under-19: Fourth round: M Kopptz (Ger) bt A Lai (Mal) 9-1, 9-5, 9-6; M Cowle bt B Bell 9-5, 7-9, 9-1, 9-3; I Higgins bt L Drew 9-7, 9-0, 9-0; J Dale bt D Bianchetti (It) 9-2, 9-0, 9-3; L Beachil bt T Lincou (Fr) 9-5, 10-8, 7-9, 10-9; M Soo (Mal) bt P Trenfield 10-8, 7-9, 10-8, 9-5; K Low (Mal) bt J Robbins 10-8, 9-5, 9-5; C Tomlinson bt V Sistonen (Fin) 9-2, 6-9, 9-2, 9-6. Quarter-finals: M Koppitz (Germany) bt M Soo (Malaysia) 5-9, 9-10, 9-4, 10-8, 9-2; I Higgins (Essex) bt M Cowe (Norfolk) 9-1, 6-9, 4-9, 9-2, 9-1; J Dale (Northumbria) bt L Beachill (Yorkshire) 9-7, 3-9, 8-10, 9-4, 9-2; C Tomlinson (Kent) bt K Low (Malaysia) 9-1, 9-2, 9-5. Girls: Under-19: Second round: J Thacker bt S Munzig (Ger) 9-1, 9-4, 9-1; C Cogan bt S Jacquinot 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; K Johinson bt F Head 9-2, 10-8, 8-4; Shenton bt J di Mauro (Can) 9-2, 9-0, 9-6; K Paaswinta (Fin) bt O Purgdemont (Sp) 9-6, 9-2, 9-7, C Heal bt P Karonen (Fin) 9-0, 9-0, 8-10, 9-6; D Laevas bt K Schultz (SA) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0

Swimming

HONG KONG: World Cup short-course meeting: Men: 50m freestyle: M Foster (GB) 22.46sec; 2, G Silko (Ger) 22.47; 3, M Fibbens (GB) 22.95. 50m backstroke: 1, J Letzin (Ger) 25.50, 2, Z Hegmegi (Swe) 26.02; 3, E Mansi (It) 26.06.. 100m breaststroke: 1, P Lahtinen (Fin) 1.01.79, 2, L Sacchi (It) 1:04.50; 3, Tam Chi-Kin (Hk) 1:05.42. 100m butterfly: 1, C-C Bremer (Ger) 54.42; 2, V Hanski (Fin) 54.94; 3, M Fibbens (GB) 55.26; 4, M Foster (GB) 55.92. 200m freestyle: 1, P M Sciuano (It) 1.48.74, 2, J Hoffmann (Ger) 1:49.73, 3, P Bavister (GB) 1.52.67. 200m backstroke: 1, J Letzin (Ger) 1:58.83; 2, E Merisi (It) 1:57.42; 3, S Battistelli (It) 2.00.33. 200m individual medley: 1, C Keller (Ger) 1:58.23, 2, R Sebr (Ger) 1:59.00, 3, X Marchand (Fr) 1:59.96. 6, P Bavister (GB) 2:08.43. 800m freestyle: 1, Z Sotilan (Gary) 7:48.90; 2, J Hoffmann (Gary) 7:50.47; 3, P M Sciuano (It) 8:00.92. Women: 50m breaststroke: 1, M Nackel (Ger) 32.39; 2, D Ajtenniel (Pol) 32.72; 3, S Pukerich (Ger) 33.12. 50m butterfly: 1, J Yolowotsch (Ger) 27.67; 2, M Parsannen (Fin) 27.89, 3, M Jocobsen (Den) 27.94. 100m freestyle: 1, F Van Almsick (Ger) 55.21; 2, T Jelis (NZ) 56.90; 3, J Jung (Ger) 57.82.

Table tennis

CHESTER: Intiamational: China 4 England 2 (England names first). M Syed bt Jienge Shian 21-16, 17-21, 21-17; J Taylor lost to Li Jing 16-21, 18-21. A Cooke lost to Xiong Ke 22-24, 23-21, 20-22. B Billington lost to Li 21-23, 18-21, Syed bt Xiong 21-13, 22-20, Taylor lost to Jiange 14-21, 18-21. China win six-match series 4½-1½.

Tennis

DOHA, Qatar: Men's tournament: First round: H Leconta (Fr) bt A Volkov (Russ) 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, J Semerink (Holl) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 6-1, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt O Delaere (Fr) 6-3, 7-5, O Gross (Ger) bt G Schallei (Austria) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt P McEnroe (US) 7-5, 6-2. Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-2, 7-6, S Edberg (Swe) bt A Voinea (Rom) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; M Zoecke (Ger) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-1, 6-3, K Alami (Mor) bt Y el-Aynaoui (Mor) 7-5, 6-3.

PERTH: Hopman Cup: Quarter-finals: Germany 2 Austria 1. (Germany names first): A Huber bt J Wiesner 6-1, 6-2; B Becker bt H Skoff 6-3, 6-4; Huber and Becker lost to Wiesner and Skoff 7-5, 4-6. France 3 Spain 0. (France names first): J Halard bt C Martinez 7-6, 7-5; J-P Fleurian bt A Costa 7-5, 6-1; Halard and Fleurian bt Martinez and Costa 6-0 6-0.

ADELAIDE: Men's tournament: Second round (Australia unless stated): P Rafter bt J Morgan 7-6, 6-3; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; A Boetsch (Fr) bt R Furlan (It) 6-3, 7-5, R Krajicek (Holl) bt R Frömberg 7-5, 7-5.

Yachting

ADELAIDE: Flying Dutchman world championship: Overall positions after third day: 1, S Majthenyi (Hun); 2, I McCrossin (Aus), 3, D Fagan (US); 4, P Francis (NZ); 5, H A Koenig (Ger)

Pools dividends

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 23½pts £69,715 15, 23 £981 70, 22½ £227.90, 22 £34.25, 21½ £10.45, 21 £4 30, 20½ £1.25 Four draws: £16.25. Ten homes £164.55. Five aways: £121.65.

VERNONS: Treble chance (no clash with 24 points so first dividend prize will roll up, see rule 10c., £470,612.00), 23½pts £1,185 80, 23 £210 05, 22½ £52.00 22 £9 65, 21½ £2.80.

ZETTERS: Treble chance: 24pts £47,594.30, 23½ £117 80, 23 £25 65, 22½ £8.30, 22 £1.15 Four draws: £21 00. Four homes: £20.00 Four aways: £8.00. Lucky numbers: 30, 23, 24, 3, 31, 13

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	15	40	good	varied	fair	fine	-7	3/1
(Good skiing, some icy/worn patches on lowest runs)								
Kitzbühel	20	60	good	powder	fair	sun	-5	3/1
(Most pistes good, some well used runs a little thin)								
Obergurgl	35	95	good	varied	icy	sun	-10	4/1
(Excellent skiing conditions, very cold)								
Schladming	20	60	fair	varied	closed	cloud	-4	4/1
(Good snow over on most pistes but some icy patches)								
St Anton	35	180	powder	powder	good	sun	-15	4/1
(Fabulous skiing conditions, powder snow all altitudes)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	50	130	good	varied	good	sun	-17	3/1
(Excellent piste skiing, all areas open and skiable)								
Chamonix	25	250	good	powder	varied	fine	-5	2/1
(Excellent skiing on and off piste, more snow forecast)								
Flaine	90	180	good	powder	good	sun	-11	2/1
(Superb piste skiing everywhere, odd icy patch)								
S Chevalier 5	55		good	varied	art	fine	-7	31/12
(Good skiing on all upper slopes)								
Val d'Isère	70	170	good	crust	good	sun	-18	3/1
(Excellent skiing everywhere, bitterly cold)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	60	200	good	crust	good	fine	-5	1/1
(Low temperatures maintaining superb skiing)								
SWITZERLAND								
Verbier	100	200	good	powder	good	fine	-7	2/1
(Wonderful skiing conditions, great powder at bruson)								
Wengen	50	80	good	powder	good	sun	-7	2/1
(Superb skiing everywhere, wonderful powder conditions)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Word-watching

Answers from page 48

POONTANG

(c) Sexual intercourse, sex: women collectively, or a woman, regarded as a means of sexual gratification. 1959, R. Condon, *Manchurian Candidate*: "Every now and then I think about you coming all the way to Korea from New Jersey to get your first piece of poontang."

ROLAG

(a) A roll of carded wool ready for spinning. "Jenny Pollard sat on a low stool in the corner of the room, carefully teasing the wool in preparation for spinning by forming a rolag."

OUTCROSS

(b) To cross an animal or a plant with one not closely related. "Mrs Child emphasised how necessary it would be to out-cross by introducing dogs unrelated to the favoured animal, so that close-breeding is avoided."

PAK-CHOI

(c) A Chinese species of cabbage. "Pak-choi is also called Chinese mustard, and is noted for its lack of smell when cooking."

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John Woodcock sees encouraging signs for England

Warne out of the groove

Some unexpected, indeed remarkable, Australian bowling figures have been returned in this third Test match, which, whatever the result of the game, can only be of encouragement to England. Although only one set belongs to Shane Warne, he is responsible, indirectly, for them all.

After bowling as well as I have seen him on the first day of the match, McDermott sent down another 34 overs for 135 runs and the one wicket of Gough. He got grumpier and grumpier and grumpier, and took longer and longer about his overs: but he never bowled badly. The umpires had all kinds of reasons for reprimanding him but, needless to say, left him to his own devices.

Touted in Australia as the best off spinner in the world, Tim May has now played ten Test matches since bowling so effectively in England in 1993, in which he has taken only 22 wickets at 48.6 apiece. For every wicket taken he has bowled 21 overs.

May is an excellent foil for Warne when Warne is bowling well: but here in Sydney Warne has had a strangely uncomfortable match, his worst since his earliest days. In 52 overs, costing 136 runs, his only wicket was Devon Malcolm's, the result of a blind swipe, and he hardly passed the bat.

Before this, Warne's figures for the series were 20 wickets, costing 9.5 runs each. So what has happened? A much better and more durable pitch than those at the Gabba and the Melbourne Cricket Ground is obviously a prime factor. Although the ball has moved about a lot when the weather has been cloudy, when the sun has shone the bounce has been even and there has been no turn to speak of.

'Tim May, for every wicket he has taken, has bowled 21 overs'

If Warne's shoulder is troubling him, the Australian camp is keeping it very dark. Could it be that England's batsmen are slowly coming to terms with Warne? I think it could, and it was certainly a help on Sunday to have John Crawley at No 5, his confidence all the higher for having missed the débâcles of the first two Tests.

I doubt whether Allan Border would have handled Warne quite as Mark Taylor did. He would almost certainly not have given him eight overs on the first morning of the match, when the ball was swinging and the quicker bowlers were very much in their element. It was also to England's advantage yesterday to be allowed a good look at Warne in favourable batting conditions. With Warne, the catalyst, out of circulation, as it were, McDermott and May are correspondingly less difficult. Border seldom bowled Warne early and never for the sake of it.

It was a pity that Atherton felt obliged to close England's second innings yesterday afternoon when Hick, his most valuable yet vulnerable batsman, was so near to his first hundred against Australia, one that would have done him a power of good. Hick had not tried to get on with things quite as he should have done, but to make so public an example of him seemed unwise.

I happened to think, too, that England could have done with a few more runs on the board than they had. If ever the record score to win a Test match seemed likely to be broken, as strong a batting line-up as Australia's at the moment on a pitch as good as this one against the attack at Atherton's disposal seemed close to the ingredients required.

Taylor and Slater gave Australia's innings the perfect start, picking out England's slowcoaches in the field with their running between wickets and generally excelling themselves. History is against an Australian victory, of course, but it is the history of Australia that is now the history of progress, and by the close of play the initiative was very definitely with them.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Warne's disbelief is evident as Atherton, left, continues to get the better of him in Sydney yesterday

Salisbury emerges with credit after late show

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE England A captain, Alan Wells, last night defended his decision to hold back the leg spinner, Ian Salisbury, for more than three hours in the match against India Youth in Bombay.

Salisbury, the A team's senior spinner, grew visibly impatient as his fellow slow bowlers, Richard Stemp and Paul Weekes, wheeled away through a long, hot afternoon. When he was finally thrown the ball deep into the final session, Salisbury responded by taking two for 25 from ten fine overs.

He struck a crucial blow by removing Amol Muzumdar, India's latest batting discovery, for 68. By the close, India Youth were 152 for five in reply to England A's 283. Muzumdar, who toured England with the India Under-19 side last summer, said afterwards he was puzzled by Salisbury's non-appearance until the 49th over, when the Indians were 102 for three.

Salisbury, who has significant experience of Indian conditions after touring here with the England senior side two years ago, seemed to prove a point with a spell that made sure the A team kept on top in their opening four-day match. This is an important tour for Salisbury, who is 25 later this month and keen to regain the Test place he lost after the tour of the West Indies last winter. The shoulder problems that have dogged him in the past two years have gone and he knows he must perform well if he is to resurrect his Test career.

A superb innings of 91 by Chris Schofield, of Yorkshire, helped England Under-19 to reach 308 for eight declared on the first day of their three-day match against Barbados Under-19 in Bridgetown. Barbados finished on 19 for two.

Defending his tactics, Wells said: "Ian likes to bowl when the ball is a little bit older. Being held back was no reflection on him at all. Stemp and Weekes put pressure on their batsmen and whenever things are going your way you are loath to change it. When he came on, Ian also bowled extremely well."

ENGLAND A: First Innings

J E R Gallian b Mhambrey	4
N V Knight c Dighe b Kamat	16
M R Ramprakash lbw b Siddiqui	59
* A P Wells c Dighe b Rao	21
D L Hemp lbw b Mhambrey	7
P N Weekes c Laxman b Kamat	33
D G Cork c Dighe b Vij	69
† D K Salisbury c Dighe b Kamat	19
I P A Nixon run out	8
G Chapple c Singh b Rao	8
R D Stemp not out	7
Extras (b 7, lb 15, w 3, nb10)	35
Total	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-49, 3-108, 4-125, 5-125, 6-217, 7-251, 8-266, 9-268.

BOWLING: Mhambrey 24-9-48-2, Siddiqui 21-3-66-1, Kamat 22-3-55-3, Rao 20.4-6-39-2, Vij 29-9-65-1.

INDIA YOUTH XI: First Innings

Z Bharucha c and b Cork	5
J Singh c Ramprakash b Weekes	12
A Muzumdar c Wells b Salisbury	68
V V Laxman lbw b Stemp	10
S Sriram c Knight b Salisbury	17
S Dighe not out	16
U Kamat not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 4)	9
Total (5 wkts)	152

S Rao, P Mhambrey, I Siddiqui and B Vij to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-42, 3-75, 4-119, 5-120.

BOWLING: Cork 6-1-23-1; Chapple 12-6-17-0; Stemp 19-4-31-1; Weekes 21-3-51-1; Salisbury 10-3-25-2.

Umpires: A Jayaprakash and J Singh.

Captain's innings by Cronje tilts Test balance

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HANSIE CRONJE, the captain, scored his fourth Test century and Dave Richardson, the wicketkeeper, struck an unbeaten 70 to give South Africa the upper hand over New Zealand in the third and final Test match of the series in Cape Town yesterday.

South Africa had carried their overnight 152 for three to 381 for seven in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 288 by the close of the third day at Newlands. With a lead of 93, three wickets left and two days to go, they are well placed to press for victory in the deciding game of the series, which stands level at 1-1.

Cronje, who had resumed with his score standing at 11, reached his hundred with a single to third man off the left-arm spinner, Matthew Hart, and immediately acknowledged a standing ovation from a crowd of 15,230 before kissing the Protea badge on his helmet.

Twelve runs later, he mistimed an on drive against Hart and was caught by Chris Pringle for 112. Cronje faced 235 balls and struck ten fours and a straight six, off Hart, during a stay of four hours 48 minutes. The wicket was small consolation for Hart, who gave Cronje his only life, at 59, when he spilled the simplest of catches at mid-wicket off the opening bowler, Simon Doull.

Shane Thomson, who took the three wickets that fell on Tuesday, failed to make an impact yesterday, and Danny Morrison, who sent down 31 overs at a cost of 92 runs, remained wicketless.

South Africa lost two wickets during the morning session. John Commins (27) failed to reach the pitch of a ball from Hart and pushed an attempted off drive to Ken Rutherford fielding at short extra cover, while Jonty Rhodes was bowled by Doull, via an inside edge, after scoring 18.

Cronje then put on 46 for the sixth wicket with Brian McMillan, the partnership ending when the all-rounder fell leg-before to Pringle for 18.

Cronje, whose three previous Test centuries led to victories over Sri Lanka, India and Australia, added 54 with Richardson for the seventh wicket before he was dismissed just before the tea interval.

Richardson and the left-arm spinner, Clive Eksteen, batted throughout the final session but could add only 56 as Rutherford set defensive fields. Eksteen laboured for 111 balls for reach double figures but Richardson was more successful, completing his half-century from 104 balls.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 288 (K R Rutherford 56, S P Fleming 79; S D Jack 4 for 68, B M McMillan 4 for 65)

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten b Thomson	64
P J R Steyn lbw Thomson	38
J B Commins c Rutherford b Hart	27
D J Cullinan c Young b Thomson	5
*W J Cronje c Pringle b Hart	112
J N Rhodes b Doull	18
B M McMillan lbw b Pringle	18
†D J Richardson not out	70
C E Eksteen not out	10
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 8, b 7)	19
Total (7 wkts)	381

S D Jack and P S de Villiers to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-119, 3-125, 4-161, 5-225, 6-271, 7-325.

BOWLING: Morrison 31-6-92-0, Doull 28-11-41-1, Pringle 22-4-58-1; Hart 43-7-115-2, Thomson 31-7-65-3.

Umpires: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and B T Lambson.

Prospects fair for return to turf on Saturday

FROST continues to take its toll of the racing programme, but prospects are fair for a return to turf racing on Saturday.

The meeting at Lingfield yesterday was called off because of frost after an early-morning inspection. "The course was frozen last night and it is still frozen," Geoff Stickels, the clerk of the course, said.

This afternoon's scheduled turf fixtures at Nottingham and Sedgefield also fell to frost yesterday. At Nottingham, the clerk of the course, Charlie Moore, said: "It was not warming up quickly enough. There was just too much frost in the ground. If we had had another 24 hours, we would have had a much better chance."

Sedgefield's clerk of the course, John Cleverly, wasted no time conceding defeat after looking at the track. "The course is frozen solid," he said. "There is also a covering of snow."

The season's tally of meetings lost now stands at 23, ten of them this week. Tomorrow's Uttoxeter card is under threat from snow, which is forecast for today, while there is an inspection at Towcester at 9am today. The course is frozen.

Prospects for Saturday's meetings are better, with Haydock and Warwick confident of racing. Haydock's clerk of the course, Major Philip Arkwright, inspected the track yesterday and course secretary Frank Smith said: "We have missed the snow and the weather is fine."

Sandown Park could not have raced yesterday, but Andrew Cooper, the clerk of the course, said: "There are still frozen patches on the course but we will cover the parts that have thawed out. Hopefully, Friday will be a better day with brighter weather forecast."

Leading scientist questions claims made in Bo Knows Nigel case

Laboratory comes under microscope

By Julian Muscat

A LEADING scientist yesterday refuted the assertion, made by the Horserace Forensic Laboratory (HFL) on Tuesday, that a urine sample stored for four months could be expected to deteriorate to the extent that it would cast doubt on steroid levels present in the sample.

Professor Donald Davies, director of the Department of Clinical Pharmacology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London, maintained the sample taken from Bo Knows Nigel, if properly stored, should have shown similar levels of hydrocortisone under counter-analysis four months after the initial test performed at the HFL.

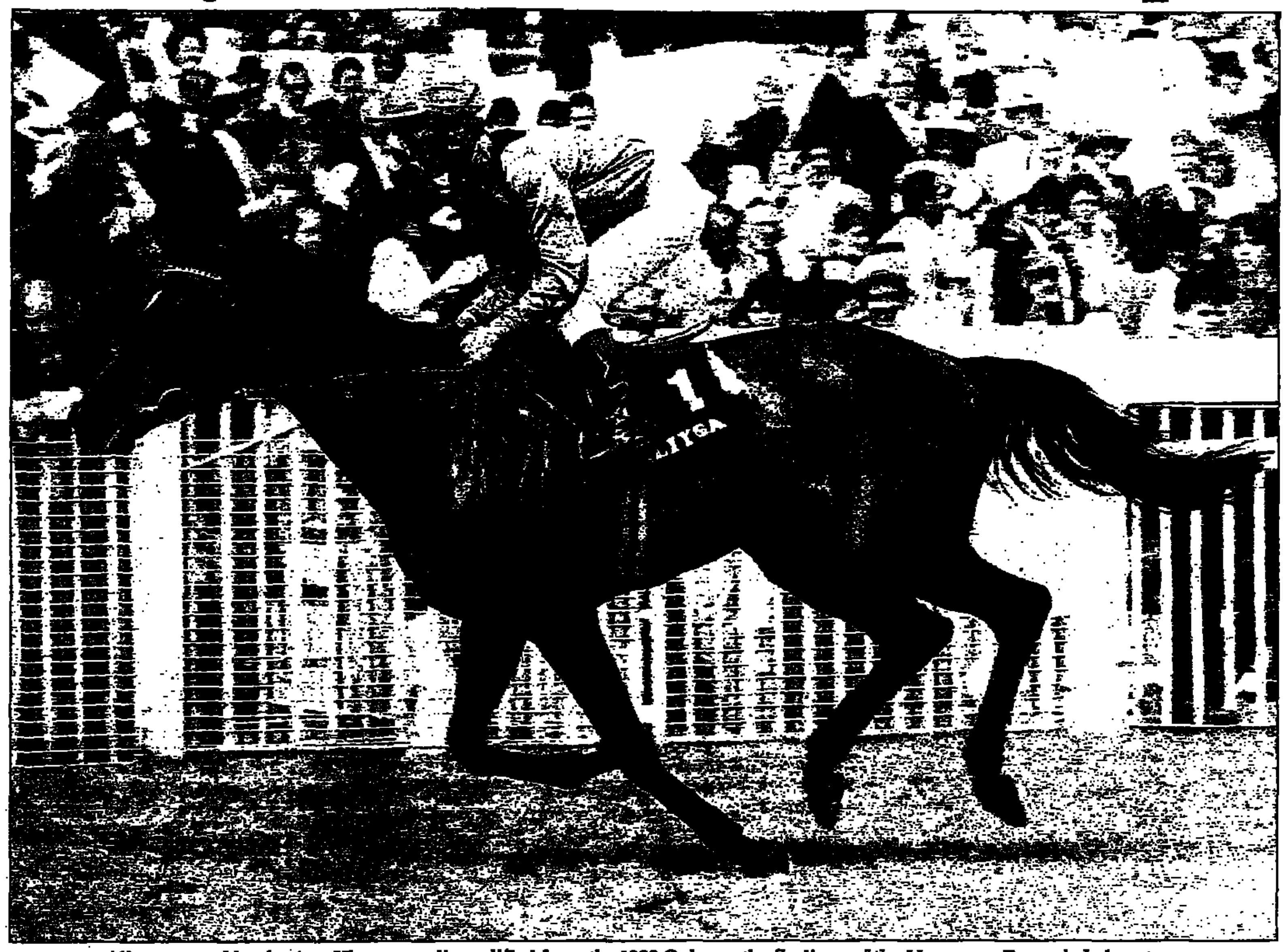
It also emerged yesterday that the Jockey Club broke its own rules in allowing Geoff Lewis, who trained Bo Knows Nigel, to undertake counter-analysis four months after the HFL's positive test in August. The rules, which have now been changed, stipulated that any counter-analysis must be requested within ten days of notification of a failed test. David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, admitted: "In retrospect, it may be that the decision [allowing Lewis to proceed] should not have been made.

"We were about to introduce new rules requiring mandatory counter-analysis so we felt we couldn't deny the request from Lewis." Yet the Jockey Club allowed Lewis to press ahead in the face of warnings on the possible consequences from Neville Dunnett, director of the HFL. "We expressed our concerns but they told us there were good reasons," Dunnett revealed.

Even then, Dunnett's concerns about the age of the sample were challenged by Professor Davies, who, four years ago, was among the scientific experts commissioned by the Aga Khan in his fight to clear Aliysa from the positive test she returned after winning the Oaks in 1989.

"I very much doubt the urine sample would deteriorate within four months," he said. "If it did, questions should be asked about why that happened. It shouldn't have — unless the sample wasn't stored properly." He also said there was "no reason" behind the HFL's suggestion that testing discrepancies can be even greater in the case of substances like hydrocortisone, which can be naturally manufactured by horses. Nor could he accept that the discrepancies were infinitesimal, as Pipe suggested yesterday. "If it was so small, there would be no discrepancy to speak of," he said.

Furthermore, Professor Davies suggested the French laboratory undertaking counter-analysis of Bo Knows Nigel's urine would have notified the HFL of any deterioration. They did not, although Dunnett insisted such damage is not perceptible to the naked eye. "The discrepancy within these findings is giving us great cause for concern," he said. "We can't explain it. We've seen the relevant test they perform in the French laboratory. It is not the same as ours but we are perfectly happy with it. We are looking into it and hope to find an explanation soon."



Aliysa, owned by the Aga Khan, was disqualified from the 1989 Oaks on the findings of the Horserace Forensic Laboratory

The HFL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Levy Board, was established 32 years ago to analyse drug tests for the Jockey Club. However, although income from other clients exceeded £1 million in 1994, the Jockey Club does not pay for the HFL's services. It is annually assigned a grant by the Levy Board.

Such an arrangement hardly encourages the Jockey Club to consider an alternative testing source. In the past, the HFL consistently detected the unsourced presence of 3-Hydroxycamphor when laboratories abroad reported their horse populations free of the substance. Although experts in the drug-testing field do not question the HFL's scientific processes, the Jockey Club's new drug-testing rules are sure to place the Newmarket-based laboratory under more direct scrutiny.

Discrepancies between the findings of different laboratories, although disturbing, are not uncommon. In the United States, Flanders, a Breeders' Cup winner in October, had earlier tested positive to isoxuprine in a New York laboratory analysis only for the banned stimulant to be declared absent from the second sample, tested at Ohio State University. A decision on the case is still pending.

In the case of Bo Knows Nigel, discrepancies in the level of hydrocortisone are all the more alarming in view of the French laboratory's sanctioning by the Jockey Club as one of six approved sites for mandatory counter-analysis of positive tests. Dunnett welcomed the development, but suggested that, in this instance, counter-analysis has proved a hindrance to the case, rather than a help. "We have no cause to question the findings at our end," he said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FAIRY'S SON (2.30 Lingfield Park)
Next best: Ballyranter (3.30 Lingfield Park)

Nicholson casts eye towards Tolworth Hurdle

DAVID NICHOLSON has booked Norman Williamson to ride Silver Wedge in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday. Nicholson needed a replacement for his stable jockey, Adrian Maguire, who is serving a whipsuspension received at Warwick on December 29.

It will be the first time that Silver Wedge, unbeaten in four races over hurdles, has been ridden by anyone other than Maguire. Dave Roberts, the agent for both jockeys, made the arrangement with Nicholson. Roberts said: "Norman has ridden a couple of times for David Nicholson this term and this came about after Adrian was banned."

Nicholson added: "Silver Wedge is a definite runner in the Tolworth. Four-year-olds get 12lb from the older horses and if they are ever to beat them it is at this time of year. Broadsword [also trained by Nicholson] did a similar thing in 1981. Silver Wedge is well and everything remains on target with him for the Triumph Hurdle."

Silver Wedge's rivals could include Oliver Sherwood's Callisoe Bay and the Reg Akehurst-trained Silver Groom.

Salwan, one of the top juvenile hurdlers three seasons ago when trained by Peter Bevan, is to return on Saturday for Jenny Pitman. The seven-year-old holds an entry at Haydock in the £10,000 Northern Handicap Hurdle over two miles and will run as long as the ground is not too heavy.

He beat Staunch Friend and Absalom's Lady in the Glenlivet Hurdle at Aintree in 1992, but sustained a serious leg injury on his next start at Punchestown and has not been seen out since.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.30 (5f) 1, VERY DICEY (P Fessey, 7-2); 2, Farastrada (J Quinn, 33-1); 3, Little Saboteur (J Weaver, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Samson-Agonistes (6th), 3 Primula Bairn (5th), 9 Leigh Crofter (4th), 25 Tommy Tempest, 40 My Foxy Lady. 8 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 1¼l, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.70; £2.30, £3.90, £1.40. DF: £31.50. CSF: £74.24.

2.00 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, NOUFARI (T Ives, 4-1); 2, Iota (L Dettori, 6-1); 3, Pride Of May (R Perham, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Mingavie (5th), 9-2 Absalom's Pillar (6th), 5 Meant To Be (4th), 12 Lobilio, Vishnu, 33 Jean De Florette. 9 ran. 5l, 2½l, 1¾l, 6l, 4l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £4.90; £2.30, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £17.60. Trio: £59.20. CSF: £29.06. Tricast: £117.26.

2.30 (5f) 1, SIR TASKER (L Dettori, 4-1); 2, Walk The Beat (S Drowne, Evens fav); 3, Delrob (A Mackay, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Tyrian Purple (4th), 14 Regazzo (5th), 33 Florac (6th), 50 Lunar Prince, 66 Woodlands Electric. 8 ran. 2l, 3, 2½l, 2l, 2l. J L Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £8.74.

3.00 (1m 100yd) 1, CONTRAFIRE (L Dettori, 7-4); 2, Biya (T Williams, 4-5 fav); 3, Zesti (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Americius (4th), 20 Solor Dancer (5th), 33 Lanesra Breeze (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 6l, 11l, 5l, 11l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.60.

3.30 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, AITCH N'BEE (Shona Crombie, 10-1); 2, Pillow Talk (R Cochrane, 12-1); 3, Rockstine (L Dettori, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Bentico (4th), 9-4 Ballyhays (5th), 14 Salska, Tapis Rouge, 20 Bold Acre, Tu Opes (6th), Ziggy's Dancer, 33 Personal Pride, Turtle Power. 12 ran. Hd, 1l, ½l, 2½l, ½l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £16.00; £4.30, £2.20, £3.70. DF: £27.20. Trio: £118.90. CSF: £120.18. Tricast: £725.29.

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, MAD MILITANT (L Dettori, 2-5 fav); 2, Salbus (J Williams, 6-1); 3, Strictly Personal (R Cochrane, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Taahhub (4th), 16 Almost A Princess, 33 Smart Debutante, 50 Abu Dancer (5th), 66 Chapel Haven, Sonseto (6th). 9 ran. 1¾l, 2½l, 3l, 6l, 13l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £3.70. CSF: £3.99.

4.30 (7f) 1, ROCKETEER (J Weaver, 5-1); 2, Everset (D Wright, 11-2); 3, Milos (V Halliday, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Bessmeat, 9-2 Chinour, 11-2 Mustn't Grumble, 8 Aljaz (4th), 10 On Y Va, 12 Beware Of Agents, Dream Carrier (5th), 20 Mr Martini (6th). 11 ran. ½l, hd, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £8.40; £2.10, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £24.60. Trio: £156.80. CSF: £35.83. Tricast: £308.13.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,917.52 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).

Placepot: £24.60. Quadpot: £8.70.

□ The meeting at Lingfield Park yesterday was abandoned because of frost.

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THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.30 Eqtesaad
1.00 Wottashambles
1.30 DISTANT DYNASTY (nap)
2.00 Master Millfield
2.30 Tachycardia
3.00 Regal Pursuit
3.30 Camden's Ransom

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 BALLYRANTER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.30 EQTESAAD (nap). 2.30 Presto Boy. 3.30 Ballyranter.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.30 BAD PENNY MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: £3,572: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

101 (3) 0- ESPERER 18 (J Harrow) J O'Donoghue 5-9-0 — T G McLaughlin (5) –
102 (8) 0/ INDIAN FIRE 532 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-0 — L Charnock –
103 (6) 045/260- KEDWICK 19J (B) (Mrs J Griffiths) P Hedger 6-9-0 — J Williams –
104 (2) 6- ELA PALIKARI MOU 16 (A Michael) R Akehurst 4-8-11 — G Carter –
105 (9) 244- EQTESAAD 16 (Miss L Ward) S Williams 4-8-11 — T Ives [illegible]
106 (1) 0/0- JOYCE E JACKSON 56J (L Best) R Ingram 5-8-9 — W Woods –
107 (5) 00- CELESTIAL FAITH 9 (S Henderson) M Johnston 4-8-6 — T Williams –
108 (7) LIFFEYSIDE LEADER (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 4-8-6 — C Hawksley (5) –
109 (4) 00060-0 SWEET CAROLINE 2 (B) (Mrs C Geigrard) Pat Mitchell 4-8-6 — J McLaughlin 80

BETTING: 4-5 Eqtesaad, 11-4 Ela Palikari Mou, 5-1 Kedwick, 10-1 Celestial Faith, 14-1 Liffeyside Leader, 16-1 Indian Fire, Sweet Caroline, 20-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

KEDWICK best effort neck 2nd of 17 to Blues Composer in handicap at Gowran Park (1m 1f 110yd, good). ELA PALIKARI MOU about 10½l 6th of 12 to Kaafih Homm in maiden here (AW, 7f), with ESPERER about 9l 11th. EQTESAAD 3¾l 4th of 12 to Krayyan Dawn in maiden here (AW, 7f), with CELESTIAL FAITH about 18l 9th. Better effort ½l 2nd of 12 to Red Earth in maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm). JOYCE E JACKSON tailed off last of 12 to Shadow Leader in apprentice jockeys' maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to soft). CELESTIAL FAITH 22l 12th of 13 to Ballyhays in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). SWEET CAROLINE best effort about 6l 6th of 12 to Polly Peculiar in maiden auction over course and distance.
Selection: KEDWICK

1.00 ROLLING STONE HANDICAP
(£2,701: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

201 (10) 052260- HEAD TURNER 148 (CD,G,S) (R Jerrard) C Wildman 7-9-10 — N Adams 90
202 (9) 104000- ONE WILD OAT 19 (B,D,F) (K Wills) C Wall 4-9-7 — W Woods 98
203 (5) 021436- LONG FURLONG 40 (E,F,G) (R Akehurst) R Akehurst 7-9-7 — G Carter 95
204 (2) 020003- MR BEAN 9 (D,G) (K Powell) K Burke 5-9-7 — S Drowne (5) 95
205 (8) 630- ANNABELLA BAGGINS 185 (Mrs G Boss) R Boss 4-9-5 — L Dettori 86
206 (7) 006213- WOTTASHAMBLES 5 (C,G) (Dream On Racing Ptnrs) G Lewis 4-8-13 — A Garth (5) [illegible]
207 (4) 400500- MIGHTY KINGDOM 9 (J Purcell) R Emery 4-8-12 — J Williams 95
208 (6) 0000- NOMOGRAM 29 (Miss J Anslee & Partners) G Lewis 4-8-4 — Stephen Davies 98
209 (3) 00/0/00- LADY BUNTING 45J (V,F) (H & S Laycock) Miss B Sanders 8-8-2 — D Wright (3) –
210 (1) 00400-0 MALINGERER 2 (T Rooan) D Wilson 4-8-1 — N Gwilliams 95

BETTING: 11-4 Wottashambles, 7-2 Long Furlong, 4-1 Annabella Baggins, Mr Bean, 6-1 Head Turner, 10-1 Mighty Kingdom, 12-1 One Wild Oat, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

HEAD TURNER best effort 3l 2nd of 15 to Admiral's Well in handicap at Ascot (2m, good to firm). LONG FURLONG about 6¼l 6th of 14 to Shabanaz in seller here (AW, 1m 2f). MR BEAN 4¼l 3rd of 12 to Noufari in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f), with MIGHTY KINGDOM about 18l 9th. WOTTASHAMBLES 3l 3rd of 12 to Beautete in handicap here (AW, 1m 5f). Earlier 4l 2nd of 18 to Silver Pearl in selling handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, soft), with LONG FURLONG (6lb better off) 1¼l 3rd. MIGHTY KINGDOM best recent effort 4¾l 5th of 16 to Sandmoor Denim in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). MALINGERER best effort 11¼l 4th of 13 to Rockstine in selling handicap here (AW, 1m 2f).
Selection: WOTTASHAMBLES

1.30 TOO MANY COOKS HANDICAP (£3,010: 6f) (8 runners)

301 (4) 050600- THORNY BISHOP 40 (CD,G) (T Thorn) J Bridger 4-10-0 — G Bardwell 91
302 (1) 020065- RAMBOLD 19 (CD,F,G) (S Mason) T Jones 4-9-8 — R Perham 94
303 (6) 002000- PAGEBOY 132 (D,F) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 6-9-6 — J Weaver [illegible]
304 (5) 014460- HINARI VIDEO 246 (C,D,G,S) (M Johnston Racing) M Johnston 10-9-1 — T Williams 90
305 (3) 300145- DISTANT DYNASTY 16 (CD,B,S) (M Kirby) B Pearce 5-8-9 — L Dettori 98
306 (2) 000004- CHEERFUL GROOM 5 (F) (B Cahill) J Mackie 4-8-5 — G Carter 87
307 (8) 000064- WAVERLEY STAR 9 (D,F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 10-7-10 — L Charnock 90
308 (7) 000000- CRAFTY CRICKETER 22 (Yew Tree Yeomanry) R Voorspuy 4-7-7 — N Adams 79

Long handicap: Crafty Cricketer 7-3.

BETTING: 11-4 Pageboy, 3-1 Distant Dynasty, 9-2 Rambold, 6-1 Cheerful Groom, Hinari Video, 7-1 Waverley Star, 16-1 Thorny Bishop, 25-1 Crafty Cricketer.

FORM FOCUS

RAMBOLD 6l 5th of 11 to Triple Joy in handicap here (AW, 7f). PAGEBOY short-head 2nd of 14 to Sea-Deer in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). HINARI VIDEO best effort 3½l 4th of 10 to Kalar in handicap here (AW, 5f). DISTANT DYNASTY about 4l 4th of 9 to Speedy Classic in handicap over course and distance, with WAVERLEY STAR (6lb better off) 4¾l 6th. Better effort beat Village Green 3l in 9-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap here (AW, 5f), with CRAFTY CRICKETER (7lb better off) 4l last. WAVERLEY STAR about 7¼l 4th of 12 to Tilly Owl in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f).
Selection: DISTANT DYNASTY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Walker	4	14	28.6	L Dettori	46	156	29.5
P Cole	20	81	24.7	J Weaver	20	104	19.2
B Hills	14	62	22.6	R Cochrane	16	114	14.0
M Johnston	27	127	21.3	T G McLaughlin	6	43	14.0
G Lewis	8	41	19.5	Stephen Davies	14	104	13.5
D Murray-Smith	10	55	18.2	B Doyle	22	165	13.3

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.00 BIRD IN THE HAND HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,556: 7f) (6 runners)

401 (2) 601112- MASTER MILLFIELD 5 (CD,G) (C Hill) C Hill 9-13 (6ex) — S Sanders (5) [illegible]
402 (3) 00262- SARASI 84 (The Blue Chip Group) P Cole 9-7 — C Rutter 91
403 (5) 350045- ROWLANDSONS SILVER 55 (Ms D Wilder) D Murray Smith 9-4 — Stephen Davies 88
404 (6) 000613- MEDIATE 29 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs S Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 9-3 — L Dettori 94
405 (4) 02346- MAC'S TAXI 50 (J McMurdo) P Haslam 9-0 — J Weaver 88
406 (1) 04600- THE ASPECTO GIRL 108 (Aspecto Clothing Co Ltd) M Johnston 8-8 — T Williams 91

BETTING: 5-4 Master Millfield, 5-2 Mediate, 5-1 Mac's Taxi, 6-1 Sarasi, 10-1 Rowlandsons Silver, 14-1 The Aspecto Girl.

FORM FOCUS

MASTER MILLFIELD 3½l 2nd of 10 to Battleship Bruce in nursery here (AW, 1m). SARASI 3l 2nd of 30 to Petindia in Newmarket seller (7f, good). ROWLANDSONS SILVER about 8½l 5th of 16 to Slytly Beveled in seller over course and distance (AW). MEDIATE beat No Pattern 5l in nursery over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. MAC'S TAXI 4¼l 4th of 12 to Bobanlyn in Yarmouth seller (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: MASTER MILLFIELD (nap)

2.30 STITCH IN TIME CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,138: 1m) (10 runners)

501 (6) 643- THE CAPE DOCTOR 19 (K Al-Said) B Hills 9-4 — J D Smith (5) 88
502 (7) 0604- FAIRY'S SON 10 (J Jannaway) W Muir 8-8 — J Weaver 79
503 (8) 430063- GOOD SO FA 93 (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-8 — S Mulvey (5) 93
504 (10) 005- IRIE MON 22 (J Hawkes) J Hills 8-8 — R Cochrane 86
505 (9) 502030- FAHEMA 44 (A Foustok) R Boss 8-7 — L Dettori [illegible]
506 (3) 002252- PRESTO BOY 82 (B) (S Carter) M Bell 8-7 — M Fenton 83
507 (5) 0040- COLSTON-C 44 (C Hill) C Hill 8-6 — S Sanders (5) 76
508 (2) 330210- TACHYCARDIA 58 (D,F,G) (J Bury) R O'Sullivan 8-3 — D Biggs 89
509 (7) 0- DOUBLE BOOKING 243 (C Hill) C Hill 8-2 — J Quinn –
510 (4) 600000- BABY BOB 22 (B) (Garban Racing) J Eustace 7-9 — N Varley (5) 84

BETTING: 7-2 Fahema, 4-1 The Cape Doctor, 9-2 Presto Boy, 6-1 Irie Mon, 8-1 Fairy's Son, Good So Fa, Tachycardia, 14-1 Double Booking, 30-1 Baby Bob, Colston-C.

FORM FOCUS

THE CAPE DOCTOR 6l 3rd of 9 to Golf Shaadi in maiden here (AW, 7f). FAIRY'S SON 10l 4th of 7 to Komreyev Dancer in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). GOOD SO FA 3½l and short-head 3rd of 28 to Blackpool Festival in claimer at Redcar (7f, soft). IRIE MON about 3½l 5th of 14 to Iron Man in claimer here (AW, 7f), with BABY BOB (2lb better off) 3l 8th. FAHEMA 2¾l 3rd of 14 to Paradise Waters in maiden auction at Catterick (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PRESTO BOY 2½l 2nd of 12 to What A Nightmare in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). TACHYCARDIA beat Another Baileys 1½l in 13-runner selling nursery at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd) on penultimate start.
Selection: FAHEMA

3.00 BAD PENNY MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: £3,556: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

601 (8) 2/00- EL ATREVIDO 67 (Hazeld Sporting Club Ltd) N Walker 5-9-0 — R Cochrane –
602 (1) 0/ KING'S GOLD 24J (S Mason) T Jones 5-9-0 — R Perham –
603 (4) 023223/ TROPICAL JUNGLE 478 (D Abeer) P Makin 5-9-0 — L Dettori –
604 (5) 0/0- CHAPTER TWO 310 (J Redmond) S Dow 4-8-11 — J Weaver –
605 (2) 060- OAKS STAR 201 (T Liang) P Cole 4-8-11 — C Rutter –
606 (3) 520060- CHILI LADY 69J (E Moore) J Moore 5-8-9 — S Drowne (5) 71
607 (7) 300030- REGAL PURSUIT 103 (H) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-8-6 — A Clark [illegible]
608 (6) 006030- THORNIWAMA 5 (T Thorn) J Bridger 4-8-6 — G Bardwell 78

BETTING: 11-4 El Atrevido, 3-1 Tropical Jungle, 7-2 Regal Pursuit, 6-1 Oaks Star, 8-1 Thorniwama, 10-1 Chili Lady, 12-1 Chapter Two, 20-1 King's Gold.

FORM FOCUS

EL ATREVIDO, formerly with N Clement in France, 11l 8th of 9 to Rainbow Reel at Saint-Cloud (1m 4f, very soft). KING'S GOLD 22l 7th of 10 to Cascassi in maiden at Nottingham (1m 2f, good). TROPICAL JUNGLE 7½l 3rd of 9 to Gweek in claimer at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good) in September 1993. OAKS STAR 9l 6th of 11 to Pleasant Outlook in maiden at Roscommon (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHILI LADY 17l 7th of 8 to Ruby Estate in maiden handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). REGAL PURSUIT neck and 4l 3rd of 15 to Sight'n Sound in maiden handicap at Bath (1m 5f, good) on penultimate start. THORNIWAMA 3¼l 3rd of 12 to Krayyan Dawn in maiden here (AW, 7f) on penultimate start.
Selection: TROPICAL JUNGLE

3.30 MANY HANDS LIMITED STAKES
(£2,688: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

1 (3) 343121- BALLYRANTER 19 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (P Byrnes) H Collingridge 6-9-0 — J Quinn [illegible]
2 (5) 405484- CAMDEN'S RANSOM 21 (CD,F,G) (B Cullen) G Balding 8-9-0 — S Drowne (5) 90
3 (2) 04/0121- HILLSDOWN BOY 29 (CD,G) (J Mills) S Dow 5-9-0 — S Sanders (5) 91
4 (1) 000000- LAC DE GRAS 16 (M Burwell) R Curtis 4-8-11 — G Bardwell 53
5 (4) 500205- MY MINNIE 16 (B) (Mrs W Protheroe-Beynon) B Meehan 5-8-9 — B Doyle 80

BETTING: 4-6 Ballyranter, 3-1 Camden's Ransom, 7-2 Hillsdown Boy, 10-1 My Minnie, 25-1 Lac De Gras.

FORM FOCUS

BALLYRANTER beat In The Money 1¾l in 9-runner rated stakes here (AW, 1m 2f). CAMDEN'S RANSOM about 3½l 4th of 16 to Bentico in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). HILLSDOWN BOY beat Queen Of Shannon 1¾l in 13-runner rated stakes over today's course and distance (AW). LAC DE GRAS 20l 10th of 14 to Joseph's Wine in handicap over today's course and distance (AW). MY MINNIE 11¼l 5th of 14 to South Eastern Fred in handicap over course and distance (AW).
Selection: BALLYRANTER

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 12.30 Sweet Caroline. 1.00 Lady Bunting, One Wild Oat.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
FA YOUTH CUP: Third-round replay: Postponed: Charlton v Manchester.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Totton v Downton (7.30).
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Carterton Town v Cinderford Town.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
Second division
Batley v Bramley (7.30)

OTHER SPORT
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Manchester (8.0). London v Leopards (8.0).
DARTS: Embassy world championships (Frimley Green).
SQUASH: British Junior Open championships (Lambs Club, London).
TABLE TENNIS: English Open (Thornaby).

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Andrew Longmore on a jet pilot gliding for title on a wing and his flair

Davis surveys the magnificent vista above Hampshire from the cockpit of the glider he will use in the world championships. Photographs: Julian Herbert

Champion Briton reaches for the skies

Andrew Davis has flown 13,000 hours in his career so far, the majority with an engine. By profession, he pilots jumbos for British Airways; for sport he flies gliders, well enough to be world champion in the standard class, the most competitive form of gliding.

Starting on Sunday, Davis will defend his world title in the skies above Omarama in the heart of New Zealand's South Island: 12 days, four hours and 500 kilometres a day, needing an estimated ten decisions a minute. By the end, win or lose, Davis will be in no fit state to fly a kite, let alone a jumbo jet.

Competitive gliding, he says, is like walking a tightrope, a balance between speed and safety, between the short-term aim of staying in the air and the long-term objective of winning, which means flying round a set course quicker than anyone else.

"The glider's master is gravity," he said. "To put it simply, the skill is to find some hot air going up faster than you're coming down. You're using your brain, experience, luck — anything you can to defy the laws of nature." Some pilots fly smoothly and methodically; Davis admits to being a jinker and weaver, as befits his restless manner.

"My instinct is to take outrageous decisions, to go in the opposite direction from everyone else. But it's a constant process of weighing up information, of looking at the ground, trying to find the next thermal and, when you've found one, deciding whether to stay with it or hop onto another in the hope it might be stronger.

"Decisions have to be made instantly; you can't look up the answers, which is why experience, being in the same situation before and having a library of information, is so important," Davis added.

When he started, he had a reputation for being brilliant one day, awful the next. In recent years, he has had to curb his natural impatience and eschew theatricals in the name of caution. Flying in fourth gear, he calls it. He would still rather be in fifth.

Davis played rugby when he was at school and enjoyed it, but you sense he is happiest making his own decisions. He learnt to glide with his father, first competed 20 years ago, at the age of 18, and soon found he was better than everyone else, winning his first national championships in 1978.

Since then, glider No 80, the registration number he inherited from his father, has dominated the UK national championships so completely that the West Countryman now wins the superglider class in his showroom model, the equivalent of winning a 1600cc class rally in a 1300cc car.

In New Zealand, Davis will be helped by the three other pilots in the British team. It is not strictly a team event, but they will fly in formation, exchange information by radio and leapfrog each other like a cycling team time-trial. With the minimum of time to learn the peculiarities of the local climate, pooling resources will be an essential part of beating off the challenge of the professional teams from France and Germany. Besides, he might need some protection at the death when, in contrast to its image as a gentle, peaceful, sport, anything goes.

In 1989, Davis led for most of the world championship ahead of a French pilot, only for the rest of the French team deliberately to block him on the final day, allowing their man to win. "I spent most of the time trying to avoid a collision. It was very frustrating." But quite within the spirit of the game, apparently. Davis said he would have done the same if the roles had been reversed. Mid-air collisions are not common, but not unknown, either.

So, in the midst of the rough and tumble, does he ever have time to appreciate the serenity of his sport? "When conditions are good, you can be flying at an average speed of 100mph and moving across the countryside like a giant. It is hard to put into words how stunning it can be sometimes."

The world championship, however, will be all business. Davis is apprehensive about his chances because a number of rivals have been training in New Zealand, learning the winds and the mountain waves. He had neither the time nor the money to do so.

Flying jets is not quite the same. "If you can fly a glider, you can fly a light aircraft and vice versa but, to be honest, there is not much I can learn from flying a 747 that will help me win a world title."

At work, Davis holds the lives of many in his hands as he pilots a jumbo jet

RADIO CHOICE

A quick fade in Tinseltown

On the Ropes. *Radio 4, 9.30am.*

John Humphrys resumes his interviews with people whose reversal of fortunes have been manna from heaven for headline writers. Judged even by the sensational standards set by Tinseltown, the British film producer David Puttnam's exit after only 16 months' occupation of his chairman's office at Columbia Pictures was something that caused many a case-hardened jaw to droop. New to me is his revelation that when he parted company with Columbia in 1987, he and his wife literally danced for joy. He fires only one aloe-soaked arrow, but keeps its target secret. He generously lists his mistakes and — unusually for a film-maker — is not embarrassed to talk about the moral precepts that have sustained him.

From Taunton to Tennessee and Back. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*

Ashley Hutchings's seven-part series about the English folk-song roots of American country music is, I believe, radio's first comprehensive attempt to analyse the genre. It is not just in the role of a talker that the folk-rock veteran appears tonight. We hear his Albion Band performing their reworking of one of the Shaker songs that accompanied the persecuted Ann Lee and her faithful disciples when they fled from England to America in 1774. Tonight's opening instalment also includes 20th-century arrangements of 18th-century hymns, secular ballads and sea shanties such as the rousing "Bonnie Bay of Biscay-o".

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo: Robert Englund, Freddy Krueger in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* series of films, is God of the Week **12.00** Lisa L'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Soundbite: Danny Kelly asks why so many British pop stars sing in American accents; and looks at the merger of rap and soul music **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Fiona Armstrong **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** For Better or for Worse **8.00** Country Club: Hal Ketchum in concert **9.00** Paul Jones presents rhythm and blues **10.00** From Taunton to Tennessee and Back: See Choice **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

Midnight Test Match Special: final day of the third Test **7.00am** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Film Review; **10.15** Health and Fitness Campaign; **10.35** Europeans; **11.00** Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Matr, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Rugose on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** sport **7.35** Women on Top **8.35** I Remember You: Rogan Taylor explores the careers of athletes Lindsey McDonald and Dorothy Hyman **9.05** SportsAmerica **10.05** News Talk, with Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.05** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** *Fruhmagazin* **5.00** News **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *Oscar and Lucinda* **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.15** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** Farming **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Quote, Unquote **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.15pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack: X-Press **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Oscar and Lucinda* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** News **3.15** The Greenfield Collection **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** On the Move **7.45** Farming **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** World Today **8.30** Europe **9.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Quote, Unquote **12.00** News **12.15** Music Review **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** News **2.30** The Woman in Black **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Vaughan Williams (Tuba Concerto; Patrick Harrild) **3.00** Jamie Crick **5.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide: Barbados **8.00** Evening Concert: English suites **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Paul Coyle **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyle **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air**, with Andrew McGregor, including Grainger (Molly on the Shore); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat, BWV 1051); Liszt (La Campanella); Beethoven (Finale, The Creatures of Prometheus); **8.32** *Artists of the Week*: Choir of King's College, Cambridge, plays Pärt (The Beatitudes); Prokofiev (Suite, *The Steel Dance*)
9.00 Composers of the Week: The Eton Choirbook
10.00 Musical Encounters: Scarlatti (Sonata in D minor); Alasdair Nicholson (Don't Explain); Purcell (Abdelazar, excerpts); Beethoven (Sonata in D minor, Op 31 No 2); **10.55** *Artists of the Week*: Choir of King's College, Cambridge, sings Rossini (Cum sancto spiritu, Petite Messe Solennelle); **11.05** Lutoslawski (Concerto for Orchestra); Vagn Holmboe (Sonata No 1, Op 143a); Rossini (Agnus Dei, Petite Messe Solennelle)
12.00 Ensemble: Ruth Waterman, violin, Amaldo Cohen, piano play Schumann and Beethoven (r)
1.00pm Opera Matinée: Children's Chorus of the Flanders Opera; Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of Flanders under Grant Llewellyn perform *Hänsel und Gretel*, Humperdinck's operatic version of the Grimm brothers' fairy-tale. Sung in German. With Jeanne Piland and Lena Lootens
3.00 Leon McCawley, piano, plays Soler, Chopin, Mozart, Fauré and Barber (r)
4.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Takuo Yuasa. Finzi (Clarinet Concerto) (r)
5.50 The Music Machine (r)
5.15 The Shellac Shore: Jeremy Nicholas introduces his penultimate selection of music on 78s
6.00 The Record Producers: Edward Greenfield presents examples of the work of the American producer Jack Pfeiffer
7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Denis Cohen conducts a concert in celebration of Lyell Cresswell's 50th birthday. Cresswell ("O"); Xenakis (Trombone Concerto, Troorkh); Ives (Central Park in the Dark); Cresswell (Yfur)
8.50 From Magic to Rationalism: Killing Fields. The last of four talks by Ronald Hutton about changes of attitude in Henry Purcell's England
9.10 A Berio Premiere: Alban Berg Quartet performs Berio (String Quartet No 3, Notturno); Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, D810, Death and the Maiden)
10.15 Hot Keys: Ron Geesin presents the first of a four-part series on the American pianist and composer James P. Johnson (r)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: Fifty Million Frenchmen. Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals
11.30-12.30am Voices: Iain Burnside presents a shortened version of Dmitri Hvorostovsky's concert at the Wigmore Hall, London, last September

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Diaries and Letters of Dorothy Wordsworth **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 On the Ropes: See Choice
10.00-10.30 News; In the Red (FM only): The first in a seven-part blackly humorous murder-mystery from the novel by Mark Tavener. The story revolves around the murder of a number of bankers in London through the ingenious use of one pound coins. With Michael Williams, Barry Foster and Stephen Moore
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Children's Radio 4 (LW only): The Willow in Winter, by William Horwood (7/8)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Inheritance, by Colin Johnson. Thomas decides to record messages to his son, Peter, to be played back on selected birthdays until he reaches the age of 42 — the same age as his father when he died. With Tim Piggott-Smith and David Neal
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Reviews the Taboos. Robert Dawson Scott investigates how the arts have dealt with anger over the past 21 years
4.45 Short Story: Who Went and Dumped All That Salt in All That Water? By Annie Saumont
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News 6.30 The Airport: A new series featuring comedians from the black comedy circuit
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Not the Marrying Kind: Myths about single women
8.00 The City: Gentleman Capitalists. Will Hutton asks if Britain has paid too high a price for the City of London's success as one of the world's great financial centres
8.45 Bloopers: Jonathan Hewat presents classic moments in radio, when presenters proved they were far from perfect
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for listeners with disabilities
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Phantom of the Opera (4/10)
11.00 Stephen King's Salem's Lot: Fourth of a seven-part dramatisation of the classic vampire story. With Stuart Milligan and Danny Kanaber
11.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to people who habitually enter competitions (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Modahl awaits date for hearing

OUR SPORTS STAFF

DIANE MODAHL, banned from athletics for four years after a positive drugs test, has formally appealed against the decision. Modahl, the 1990 Commonwealth 800 metres champion, tested positive for excessive levels of testosterone at a meeting in Lisbon on June 18. She was the first British woman to fail a drugs test.

Modahl's solicitor, Tony Morton-Hooper, said yesterday that a letter had been sent to the British Athletic Federation (BAF) late last month appealing against the ban. He said the BAF had confirmed receipt of the letter but had not yet set a date for a hearing by its independent appeal panel.

The BAF management board will tomorrow discuss the composition of the panel.

☐ Colin Jackson, who won all of his hurdles races last year, launches his 1995 campaign for Britain in the McDonald's international against Russia at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, on January 28. Tony Jarrett and John Regis have also been confirmed for the team, which will be chosen in full next week.

☐ Catherina McKiernan has changed her racing plans in the build-up to the world cross-country championships at Durham in March. The Irish runner, beaten in Durham by Rose Cheruiyot in the IAAF challenge last week, has pulled out of this Saturday's event at Mallusk, Belfast.

"I'm going to train for two weeks," McKiernan, runner-up in the past three championships, said. "It's not a question of tiredness."

Divisions reported in athletics army

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

MA'S Family Army is a family at war. Sixteen members of Ma Junren's elite Chinese women's running squad, including Wang Junxia, his 3,000 and 10,000 metres world record-holder, have quit his training camp, according to *The Beijing Youth Daily* newspaper. The split is said to have left Ma with only three athletes and been caused by a dispute over money and his excessive training demands.

According to the report yesterday, Ma has kept most of the athletes' winnings. *The Liberation Daily* newspaper said recently that Ma owned the three Mercedes cars won by his athletes for their victories at the 1993 world championships in Stuttgart and had spent seven million yuan on his training centre in Liaoning province out of his athletes' winnings of ten million yuan.

The Liberation Daily quoted Wang as saying that she had received 170,000 yuan while his other star athlete, Qu Yunxia, had received 65,000 yuan. Qu, the 1,500 metres world record-holder and 3,000 metres world champion, is reported not to have left Ma's camp in the north-eastern city of Dalian.

"Ma's Family Army is not a single person's wealth," Gu Jinchi, the Liaoning province party secretary, told *The Beijing Youth Daily*. "It belongs to the party, the province and the country." Although some local sports officials denied that the team had splintered, the newspaper said that the athletes made a clandestine exit from Ma's camp last month on the morning after talks with him broke down. After the Asian Games in October, Ma's leading seven men departed because of a dispute over money.

The newspaper said that Ma "made excessive demands, was over-critical and cruel" towards his runners. A year ago Liu Dong, the 1,500 metres world champion, was dropped from Ma's squad because she refused to give up her boyfriend or have her hair cut. Ma's recent troubles go beyond athletics. He is in hospital recovering from a road accident in which his car struck a barrier while he was returning to his training centre from his father's funeral.

While under Ma, Wang's weekly training amounted to a marathon a day. His women athletes made their first mark at the 1993 world championships, winning the 1,500, 3,000 and 10,000 metres and sweeping the medals in the 3,000 metres. The following month they made staggering improvements on the world records for all three distances.

Ma Junren: tough coach

Standard Italiano as spoken onna da BBC

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Well, what a week it's proving for accents. First there was Emma Thompson's linguistic Highland fling in *The Blue Boy*. Then there were John Thaw's on-off northern vowels in the similarly on-off *Kavanagh QC*. Now, just when you thought it might be safe to return to received pronunciation, along comes last night's **Devil's Advocate** (BBC1), the first in, hopefully, a short line of spaghetti mini-series.

Now, as we all know, authenticity is everything to those bright bods in the BBC drama department. So it must have been a disappointing moment when they finally realised that this Neapolitan tale of arson and intrigue (basically, see Naples and fry) could not be told in Italian — or not if the average licence payer was to keep up with the plot. So they compromised — eventually.

For the first ten minutes of what remained a slow moving story, it *did seem that* everyone was going to speak Italian throughout. But gradually, as the story of the English nanny with five fires to explain emerged, so did the rules of dialogue. Now, pay attention, for I shall explain them only once.

Italian characters talking to British characters in English use charmingly accented English. Nothing very difficult there then. But Italian characters talking to other Italian characters (all of whom, incidentally, are played by British actors) use rather more heavily accented English, to show they are actually speaking Italian. One or two real Italian words may be inserted, to remind both audience and actors what language is being spoken.

However, there are one or two important exceptions. All policemen below the rank of *Inspectore* speak real Italian, as does anyone over the age of 65 or anyone drinking *espresso* in a coffee shop. All telephones are also answered in real Italian — presumably just in case it's a low ranking policeman or your coffee-swilling granny. Finally, all newspaper articles, even when they're being discussed by two Italian characters in accented English, appear in real Italian.

From this linguistic and, more latterly, lesbian lasagne, one or two notable performances did emerge. Alice Krige is excellent as Alessandra Locatelli, the high-flying lawyer who takes on the nanny's case, despite opposition from her chauvinist male boss. So too is Lena Headey as the nanny, although the character she plays is so unsympathetic (she's stupid, lies and is *totally dependent on others*) that many of us will have given up on her long before her brief does. Still, the pace of tonight's part two does pick up a little and there is the most wonderful Welsh/Italian accent from a professor of, appropriately, the paranormal.

From arson to serial killer is but a short step. Very short, according to the theories advanced in **To Kill and Kill Again** (Channel 4) which *almost made it surprising* that we were not all hacking each other to bits. But as one of the calmer talking heads reassuringly pointed out: "There is a quantum leap between someone who grows up in a dysfunctional family and someone who becomes a serial killer."

The suicide of Frederick West and the murder of Jeffrey Dahmer brought new topicality to a programme first shown in 1993, which convincingly explained how serial killers first enter and then become trapped in a vicious circle of fantasy and murder. More recent programmes such as the BBC's *Portrait of a Serial Killer* mean that some of the characters, such as Detective Kennedy of the Milwaukee Police, who affectionately refers to Dahmer as Jeff, are now familiar. But the grisly detail is still shamefully compelling.

At times, the programme's rapid-fire editing style and American criminologist's mastery of the *sound-bite*, *made it look and* sound like a pilot for *Hollywood Murderers*. "In the same way some men become leg men or breast men, or prefer blondes to brunettes, some men learn to prefer corpses." *Cannibalism* got the same ghastly but glib treatment. "It's not because they're hungry, I can assure you. It's an issue of control."

Much more of this and I too will be resorting to fantasy. In fact, I've already found mine in the shape of **Journeyman** (Channel 4). This is *Down your Way* reborn on television, a glorious variation on the Wodehousian theme of ignoring real life altogether. The presenter is Clive Gunnell, a sort of cross between Brian Johnston and John Noakes, who is spending 16 weeks travelling from Faringdon in Oxfordshire to Lyme Regis in Dorset. Anyone puzzled as to how it can *take 16 weeks to cover a distance of* barely 100 miles, is unfamiliar with the Gunnell style of travel. For having quickly climbed the Faringdon folly, he popped into a local antique shop for a chat with the owner. *Ten minutes later he* was still chatting. At this rate he'll be lucky to get to Lyme Regis by Christmas. Lovely.

It is 30 years since Alan Garner wrote **Elidor** (BBC1) and a good 25 years since I read it. Actually that's not true — that's what I planned to write. Having just re-read the book (or so I thought) I realised that while I had read all his others I had never read *Elidor* in the first place. Still any Garner is good Garner by me and *Elidor* looks like a welcome addition to what's left of children's television. Special effects, say the corporation, have now caught up with Garner's gothic imagination and on the showing of the faithfully adapted first episode will do this tale proud. *Interestingly, what changes the* adapter, Don Webb, has made seem designed to make story even more frightening. That's progress, I suppose.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (78766)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18823360)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (8198056)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1076476) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (85348650)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7529124) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Gloria Hunniford (3525389) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78900853)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (57124)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (91657582) **1.50 Time Keepers.** Bill Dod introduces the quiz show (91668698) **2.15 Harry and the Hendersons.** American family adventures (17305872)

2.40 FILM: The Legend of Grizzly Adams (1990) starring Gene Edwards. A peaceful giant of a man who prefers the tranquillity of the wilderness, ventures down from his mountain home to help an old friend. Directed by Ken Kennedy (1513650)

3.50 Jackanory. Josie Lawrence with part three of James Andrew Hall's *Fowl Pest* (7252691) **4.00 SuperTed** (r) (6703853) **4.10 Robinson Sucroe.** The first of a new series. (Ceefax) (4753495) **4.35 Sloggers.** The start of a comical series about a children's cricket XI (s) (4863582)

5.00 Newsround (9793476) **5.10 Blue Peter.** Diane-Louise Jordan reports from Bangladesh on the progress of the *Blue Peter* 1994 Well Water Appeal. (Ceefax) (s) (1811360)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (953230)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (969)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (921)

7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (5018)

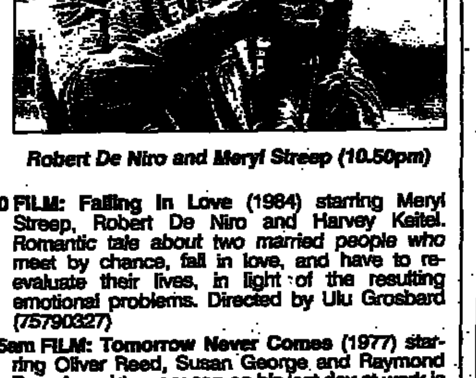
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (105)

8.00 NEW **Animal Hospital Week.** Rolf Harris and Steve Knight visit the RSPCA Harmsworth Hospital in Holloway, north London. (Ceefax) (4766)

8.30 CHOICE **Down to Earth.** (Ceefax) (s) (6501)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6105)

9.30 Devil's Advocate. The second and final part of the courtroom drama starring Alice Krige, Lena Headey and David Morrissey. (Ceefax) (s) (4997327)



Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep (10.50pm)

10.50 FILM: Falling In Love (1984) starring Meryl Streep, Robert De Niro and Harvey Keitel. Romantic tale about two married people who meet by chance, fall in love, and have to re-evaluate their lives, in light of the resulting emotional problems. Directed by Ulu Grosbard (75790327)

12.35am FILM: Tomorrow Never Comes (1977) starring Oliver Reed, Susan George and Raymond Burr. A world-weary cop on his last day at work is called in to handle a tense and violent siege that has already seen the gunman shoot a young officer. Directed by Peter Collinson. (Ceefax) (485709) **2.20 Weather** (7382506)

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (4005679) **7.05 Bump** (r) (4097650) **7.10 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (8354105) **7.35 The Really Wild Show** (r). (Ceefax) (1584105)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8482679) **8.15 Thunderbirds** (r). (Ceefax) (3387259)

9.05 The Breaker. The life of Edwin Henry Murrant, an Englishman who emigrated to Australia in the 1880s (8196698) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (8510899)

10.25 FILM: Song of Norway (1970) starring Florence Henderson and Toralv Maurstad. A biopic of the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. Directed by Andrew L. Stone (37364853)

12.45 Miss-Takes. *Comic clips from the BBC archives* (68301940) **1.00 Charlie Chalk** (r) (13395940)

1.15 FILM: The Barkleys Of Broadway (1949) starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. A musical directed by Charles Walters (12077650)

3.00 News and weather; Some of our Airmen are no Longer Missing. Documentary about the work of the Dutch Airforce Recovery Unit (r) (1805871) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9052673)

4.00 World Darts. Highlights (5495)

6.00 Quantum Leap (r). (Ceefax) (857414)

6.45 Top Gear Take Two. *Four hundred classic cars* return to the Swiss Alps to take part in the 12-mile Klausen Hill Climb, first held in the 1920s (450969)

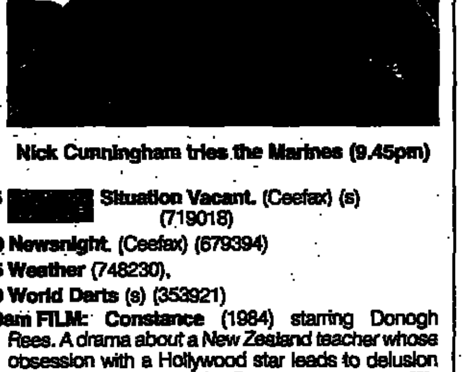
7.00 Waiting For God (r). (Ceefax) (6360)

7.30 First Sight: From Cradle to the Rave. Judith Burn reports on how the drug Ecstasy is still an integral part of today's youth culture. **Wales:** Hi-de-Hi!; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West (747)

8.00 NEW **Metropolis.** How technology has shaped the modern city (2308)

8.30 NEW **Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld.** A six-part series looking at other motoring cultures around the world (s) (4143)

9.00 The X Files. (Ceefax) (s) (266360)



Nick Cunningham tries the Marines (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE **Situation Vacant.** (Ceefax) (s) (719018)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (679394)

11.15 Weather (748230).

11.20 World Darts (s) (353921)

12.20am FILM: Constance (1984) starring Donogh Rees. A drama about a New Zealand teacher whose obsession with a Hollywood star leads to delusion and tragedy. Directed by Bruce Morton (161457). Ends at **2.05**

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (21728)

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CHOICE

Witness: Drancy
Channel 4, 9.00pm

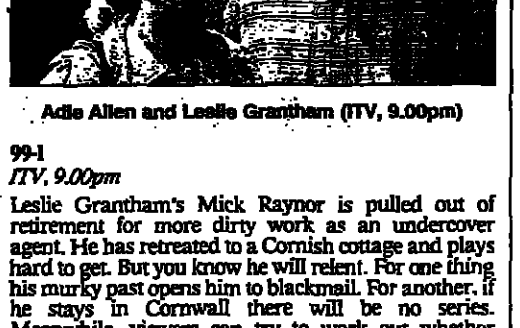
A sombre documentary recounts the little-known story of a French concentration camp during the Second World War. Four miles from the centre of Paris, Drancy was designed as a public housing estate but assumed its more sinister role after the German occupation. For the first two years it was under French control, with armed gendarmes responsible for discipline. The inmates were Jews, rounded up in their thousands as France aped German anti-Semitism. For many the eventual destination was Auschwitz. Of 74,000 Jews sent from Drancy, including women and children, fewer than 3,000 survived. The memories of some of them form the core of a film which is all the more effective for its unsensational treatment.

Down to Earth
BBC1, 8.30pm; Scotland Friday 8.00pm

An affable new sitcom reunites the previously winning team of writers John Esmonde and Bob Larbey and actor Richard Briers. After *The Good Life* and the underrated *Ever Decreasing Circles* expectations will be high. They may be disappointed, though first episodes are not always a reliable guide. Briers plays an old Oxford man who for 37 years has enjoyed an easy life advising a Central American ruler. Then the ruler is deposed. Briers is deported without a penny and he is forced to take a labouring job with his brother's company. The basic joke is that humping rubble is beneath both his dignity and his competence. The question is whether it can be sustained and developed beyond tonight's anodyne opener.

Situation Vacant
BBC2, 9.45pm

A six-part series follows hopeful candidates as they go through the selection procedure for a range of jobs, including store manager and assistant chief constable. The first film follows four young would-be recruits to the Royal Marines: a barman, a bouncer, a sixth-former and a university student. With more than 600 applicants for 34 places, competition is tough. So is the weeding-out process, which involves physically punishing fitness and endurance tests, a written exam and a hard time in front of an interview board. One of the quartet drops out early, the others proceed with varying levels of success. With the camera recording every move, it is a format perfectly designed for grabbing the attention and holding it to the last frame.



Adie Allen and Leslie Grantham (ITV, 9.00pm)

99-1
ITV, 9.00pm

Leslie Grantham's Mick Raynor is pulled out of retirement for more dirty work as an undercover agent. He has retreated to a Cornish cottage and plays hard to get. But you know he will relent. For one thing his murky past opens him to blackmail. For another, if he stays in Cornwall there will be no series. Meanwhile, viewers can try to work out whether Raynor is a goodie or a baddie. It is a good question. None of the characters is exactly likeable, and that includes Raynor's new boss, Stone by name and stone-faced by nature, played by Frances Tomelty. As before there is too much thuggery but watch out for Charlie Drake, as a villain in a wheelchair, and Ben Walden of *Martin Chuzzlewit* as a drugs dealer. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3722259)

9.25 Chain Letters. Ted Robbins presents the word game show (4201834) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5160178)

10.00 The Time ... The Place (s) (9586940)

10.35 This Morning (32424853) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7525308)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7984766)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (7992785) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (34357650)

1.55 Vanessa. The extrovert hostess tackles the subject of shoplifting with a studio audience. (Teletext) (s) (88047114) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (17396124) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary.** John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (6317785)

3.20 ITN News headlines (5846056) **3.25 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather* (5845327)

3.30 The Riddlers (5898056) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (1852655) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (4987495) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (4747834) **4.40 Fun House.** Pat Sharp *presents the first in a new series of the gungy* game show. (Teletext) (3074327)

5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (1213762)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (287834)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (124872)

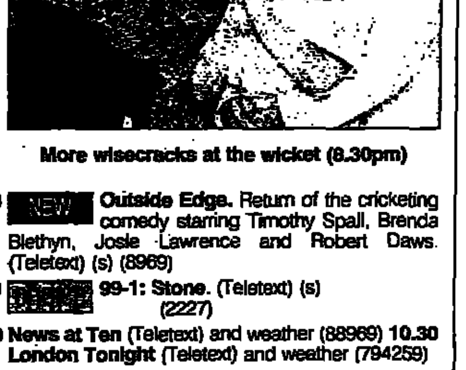
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (227)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (389)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (3414)

7.30 NEW **Survival: Polar Bear Alley.** The annual polar bear invasion of Churchill, a small *Hudson Bay town. (Teletext) (s) (501)*

8.00 The Bill. Quinnan goes undercover as a prostitute's punter, but possibly oversteps the mark. (Teletext) (9834)



More wisecracks at the wicket (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **Outside Edge.** Return of the cricketing comedy starring Timothy Spall, Brenda Blethyn, Josie Lawrence and Robert Daws. (Teletext) (s) (8969)

9.00 CHOICE **99-1: Stone.** (Teletext) (s) (2227)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (88969) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (794259)

10.40 Revelations. Drama serial about a Church of England bishop and his family (s) (587940)

11.10 Synchro. The first of a two-part programme in which *Dilly Braimoh introduces eight five-minute films by* directors new to television (s) (135582)

11.40 The Powers That Be. Series about the life of a US senator and his pushy family (722292)

12.10am FILM: Finish Line (1989) starring James Brolin. Drugs in sport drama directed by John Nicolella (880070) **2.00 Profile** of Megadeath (s) (9066322)

2.10 The Album Show (r) (s) (8785214)

3.10 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (43441099)

3.40 Sport AM. American Skins golf (r) (7939438)

4.30 Videofashion. Italian designs (r) (39542)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (73728)

5.30 ITN Morning News (18254). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time ... Life (r) (8438308)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (47747)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (65018)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit. Physical fitness with minimal exertion (s) (8212921)

9.45 Evening Shade (r) (s) (6986740)

10.10 FILM: Strange Cargo (1940, b/w) starring Clark Gable and Joan Crawford. A drama about a Christ-like figure who mesmerises fellow escapees from Devil's Island into following him. Directed by Frank Borzage (72088921)

12.15 Dream Of Norway. The music and scenery of Norway, filmed in 1960 (6452766)

12.30 Sesame Street (54143)

1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animation (r) (s) (14209)

2.00 FILM: The Dentist (1932, b/w). A classic W.C. Fields short, directed by Leslie Pearce (17315259)

2.25 FILM: No Time For Tears (1957) starring Anna Neagle, George Baker and Sylvia Syms. A sentimental tale set in a children's hospital. Directed by Cyril Frankel (966698)

4.00 Revenge Of the Rain Gods. An *Adventures* documentary following Rosie Swale as she travels by boat, bus and horse through Honduras, Belize, Guatemala and Mexico (r) (230)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (414)

5.00 Ricki Lake. Ricki meets Ralph and Alex who, despite being identical twins, have completely different attitudes, and success, with the opposite sex. (Teletext) (s) (6409563)

5.50 Terrytoons (114495)

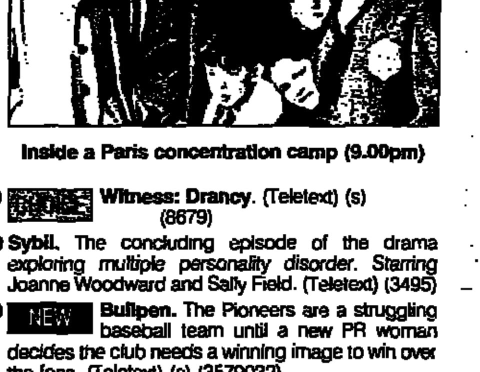
6.00 The Cosby Show. American family comedy series. *(Teletext)* (679)

6.30 Saved By the Bell. American college comedy. (Teletext) (259)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (612114)

7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (898132)

8.00 Ningaloo: Where Ocean Giants Meet. A look at rich and varied eco-system which is the Ningaloo coral reef in Western Australia. (Teletext) (1143)



Inside a Paris concentration camp (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Witness: Drancy.** (Teletext) (s) (8679)

10.00 Sybil. The concluding episode of the drama *exploring multiple personality disorder. Starring* Joanne Woodward and Sally Field. (Teletext) (3495)

12.00 NEW **Bullpen.** The Pioneers are a struggling baseball team until a new PR woman decides the club needs a winning image to win over the fans. (Teletext) (s) (3579032)

12.20am Key West. Off-beat American comedy series (s) (2635693)

1.25 Cajun Country. A celebration of the area's music (r) (1670524)

2.35 FILM: The Gay Deception (1935, b/w) starring *Francis Lederer and Frances Lee. A comic version* of the Cinderella story, directed by William Wyler (6484322). Ends at **3.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (5160178) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7525308) **1.55** The Young Doctors (91652037) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (6317785) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (5845327) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1213762) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (172360) **10.30** Anglia News (794259) **10.40** Rising Damp (40692308) **12.30am** Wait Until Dark (20761) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80631) **3.00** Beyond Reality (89083) **3.30-4.30** Live on Stage (78693)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5160178) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7525308) **1.55** A Country Practice (91652037) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6317785) **3.25-3.30** Central News (5845327) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1213762) **6.25** Central News and Weather (489211) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (709872) **10.30** *Central News and Weather (794259)* **10.40** Crime Stalker (758292) **11.40-12.10pm** Revelations (722292) **2.15am-3.10** The Album Show (4752542) **4.35** Jobfinder (1807419) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2433693)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (5160178) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (7525308) **12.55** Shortland Street (7992785) **1.25** Home and Away (51845921) **1.50** Vanessa (87897673) **2.20** The De Medici Kitchen (17388105) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (6317785) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (5845327) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1213762) **6.25** Granada Tonight (172360) **7.00** Emmerdale (3414) **7.30-8.00** Survival (501) **10.30** Granada News (794259) **10.40** Revelations (587940) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (365766) **12.10am** Film: Finish Line (James Brolin, Josh Brolin, Kristoff St John) (880070) **2.00** Profile (9066322) **2.10** The Album Show (8785214) **3.10** America's Top Ten (43441099) **3.40** Sport AM (2010761) **4.35** Jobfinder (18794631) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (73728)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 *ITN* News Headlines (5160178) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (7525308) **2.25** Gardening Time (17387476) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7018143) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (5845327) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1213762) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (389) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (794259) **10.40** Gateways (587940) **11.10** Special Report (135582) **11.40-12.10pm** Good Health (722292) **4.35am-5.00** Jobfinder (18794631)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (389) **7.30-8.00** Tower Colliery - A New Beginning (501) **10.40** The Once and Future Valleys (587940) **11.10** Wales on the Wide Screen (135582) **11.40-12.10pm** Survival (722292)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91652037) **2.50-3.20** *Shortland Street* (6317785) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1213762) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (227) **6.30-7.00** Gateways (389) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (794259) **10.40** Without Her Consent (40692308) **12.30am** Wait Until Dark (20761) **2.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80631) **3.00** Beyond Reality (89083) **3.30-4.30** Live on Stage (78693) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (73728)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.25-3.25 Wish You Were Here...? (17387476) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1213762) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (11765) **10.40** Crime Stalker (758292) **11.40-12.10pm** The Hidden Room (722292) **4.35am-5.00** Jobfinder (18794631)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5160178) **1.55** A Country Practice (91652037) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6317785) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: *Calendar News / Tyne Tees: Network North* (5845327) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1213762) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (479563) **6.30-7.00** Runway (389) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (794259) **10.40** Magnum (775869) **11.35** Prisoner Cell Block H (351698) **12.30am** Film: A Soldier's Story (Howard E. Rollins) (495186) **2.20** America's Top Ten (3173438) **2.50** Cinema, Cinema, *Cinema* (8758051) **3.20** Acapulco Gold (8594099) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (7059493)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (47747) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (65018) **9.30** *Stand Still, Be Fit* (8212921) **9.45** Evening Shade (6986740) **10.10** Strange Cargo (72088921) **12.15pm** A Dream Of Norway (6452766) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (64768) **1.00** Take Five (40834) **1.30** A Song Is Born (79018) **3.30** Ricki Lake (7156476) **4.20** Terrytoons (6716327) **4.30** The Cosby Show (414) **5.00** 5 Pump - Annwyl Gamera (6243211) **5.15** Chwedlau Y (9798921) **5.30** Countdown (766) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (585105) **6.20** Heno (195211) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1056) **7.30** Mr O Glon (71834) **8.30** Newyddion/news (9211) **9.00** Aria Y Garddorfa (8679) **10.00** Simple Men (3495) **12.00am** All - Life Achievement Award Jack Nicholson (55322)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (87228940) **7.45** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (6587018) **8.40** Dynamo Duck (6943899) **8.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6780768) **9.30** *Card Sharks* (50898) **10.00** *Concentration* (8696143) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8978018) **10.30** Candid Camera (82178) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (82634) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (21698) **12.30pm** E Street (54414) **1.00** St Elsewhere (59989) **2.00** Lace I (75056) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9383476) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (3655582) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8747) **6.00** Gamesworld (8259) **6.30** Blockbusters (8281) **7.00** E Street (9476) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6495) **8.00** Manhunter (89124) **9.00** Under Suspicion: New police drama series (69360) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (79747) **11.00** Late Show with *David Letterman* (231360) **11.45** Chances (244143) **12.45am** Barney Miller (79989) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (76656)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9972689) **9.30** News Extra (16056) **10.30** ABC Nightline (98360) **11.00** News and Business (80476) **1.30** CBS News (88785) **2.30** Memories (19634) **3.30** Special Report (5389) **4.00** News and Business (61230) **5.00** Live at Five (6389) **9.30** Talkback (8853) **8.00** News and Business (14592) **9.30** Worldwide Report (32292) **11.30** CBS News (61953) **12.30am** ABC News (72148) **1.30** Talkback Replay (44186) **2.30** Memories (20631) **3.30** Special Report (20308) **4.30** CBS News (71728) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2832018) **10.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story** (1992) (58230) **12.00 The Agony and the Ecstasy** (1965) (92909940) **2.15pm Blue Fire Lady** (1976) (527698) **4.00 Murder So Sweet** (1993) (3679) **6.00 Stepkids** (1991) (73563) **8.00 Aspen Extreme** (1993) (85308) **10.00 Under Siege** (1992) (948376) **11.45 Husbands and Wives** (1992) (379230) **1.35am Shadows and Fog** (1992) (9081167) **2.50 Complex of Fear** (1993) (6828631) **4.20-6.00 Stepkids** (1991) (249864)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger (1977) (82495) *8.00 Georgy Girl* (1966) (87940) **10.00-12.00 Cat's Eye** (1985) (34124)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Young People (1940) (72261) **8.00 Spiderman Strikes Back** (1978) (57650) *10.00 Top Secret Affair (1957) (56872)* **12.00 A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** (1945) (50264230) **2.10pm Scooby-Doo Meets the Boo Brothers:** Cartoon (230650) **4.00 Spiderman Strikes Back:** As 8am (4921) **6.00 Shattered Family** (1993) (71105) **8.00 Groundhog Day** (1993) (78650) **10.00 The Waterdance** (1992) (548150) **11.50 Young Lady Chatterley 2** (1993) (577259) **1.20am Groundhog Day:** As 8pm (835896) **3.05 Dragonard** (1988) (8055815) **4.35-6.00 Shattered Family** (1993): As 6pm (3086235)

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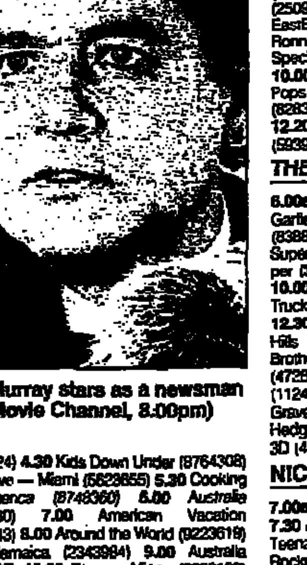
SKY SPORTS
7.30am Soccer News (4107835) **7.45** WWF Challenge (186766) **8.45** Soccer News (9802747) **9.00** Get Your Handicap Down (36105) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (78679) **10.00** Hockey Review (31124) **11.00** Shooting (11360) **12.00** Aerobics (59989) **12.30pm** Scottish Football (66211) **2.30** American Sporting Year (51989) **4.30** Snowboard (9124) **5.00** WWF Action Zone (2969) **6.00** Soccer News (922501) **6.15** Fish Tales (927056) **6.30** Rugby Union (1969) **7.00** Cricket Highlights (647969) **10.00** Soccer News (352969) *10.15 Transworld* Sport (774969) **11.15** NBA Basketball (783037) **1.15am** World of Rugby Union (284490) **1.45-2.00** Fish Tales (3620693)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Rally Raid (37308) **8.00** Equestrianism (54259) **9.00** Gymnastics (99785) **10.00** Dancing (26292) **11.00** Rally Raid (87292) **11.30** Ski Jumping (24114) **12.30pm** Motors Magazine (27698) **1.30** Snooker (59853) **3.30** Eurofun (9501) **4.00** Snowboarding (5308) **4.30** The Race Across the Sky (17414) **5.30** Powerlifting (91312) **6.30** News (6037) **7.00** WWF Superstars (34699) **8.00** Truck Racing (7414) **8.30** Rally Raid (6921) **9.00** Boxing (23582) **10.00** Tractor Pulling (33969) **11.00** Truck Racing (27921) **12.00-12.30am** News (92977)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (2335389) **8.30** Peyton Place (2327360) **9.00** As the World Turns (9176785) **10.00** Guiding Light (4668476) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4669105)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Mexico (2338476) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (8564211) **1.00** Cruising the Globe (4682056) **1.30** Cooking in America (8563582) **2.00** California Gold (9328263) **2.30** Mexico (8777872) **3.00** Train Journey Through India (7865940) **4.00** Jamaica (8768124) **4.30** Kids Down Under (8764308) **5.00** Dive — Miami (5623655) **5.30** Cooking *in America* (8748360) **6.00** Australia (8572230) **7.00** American Vacation (4807143) **8.00** Around the World (9223619) **8.30** Jamaica (2343984) **9.00** Australia (4903327) **10.00** Dive — Miami (2339105) **10.30** American Vacation (7528476) **11.30-12.00** California (8814872)



Bill Murray stars as a newsman (Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

TLC
8.00am The Floral Magic of Kenneth Turner (7700921) **8.30** High Days (2172747) **10.00** Adopting Olya (4807124) **10.30** Only Human (2490476) **11.30** Right or Wrong (2632037) **12.00** The Sick Kids (7720785) **12.30pm** Against All Odds (2176563) *1.00 High Days and Other Days* (7876785) **1.30** Floral Magic (2175834) **2.00** Draw with Don (7838292) **2.15** Extra Dimensions (2155698) **3.00** Flowering Passions (3236722) **3.30-4.00** Driving with Mike Smith (7808292)

UK GOLD
7.00am Blankety Blank (7879872) **7.30** Neighbours (7865679) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7729056) **8.30** EastEnders (7728327) **9.00** The Bill (7719679) **9.30** Colditz (2724501) **10.30** The Lotus Eaters (2492834) **11.30** Blankety Blank (2634495) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7722143) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2178921) **1.00** EastEnders (7878143) **1.30** The Bill (2177292) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (6283605) **2.30** I Didn't Know You Cared (7905105) **3.00** Knots Landing (2638211) **4.00** Dynasty (2624018) **5.00** Every Second Counts (3612650) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (2509476) **5.55** Porridge (7984921) **6.30** EastEnders (7920414) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9999308) **8.00** Carry On TV Specials (9908056) **9.00** Minder (9988292) **10.00** The Bill (7723872) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6385389) **11.10** Rory Bremner (8283227) **11.50** Dr Who (7204230) **12.20am** FILM: The Asphalt Jungle (1950) (5939186) **2.00** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (9939650) **6.55** Garfield (3175853) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8388940) **7.55** Pugwall (5740921) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6908308) *8.45 Casper* (3117583) **9.00** Sesame Street (31785) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (64037) **11.00** Teddy Trucks (77501) **12.00** Garfield (90327) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (16853) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (55389) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (38739855) **1.45** Baby Follies (47264560) **2.00** Barney (4582) **2.30** Babar (1124) **3.00** Casper (6810969) **3.15** Gravedale High (304358) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (754899) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (4379360) **4.30-5.00** Pugwall (1360)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Denver the Last Dinosaur (21747) **7.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (33582) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (44124) **8.30** Rocko (43495) **9.00** Rugrats (34747) **9.30** Clarissa (69921) **10.00** Grimmy (92595) **10.30** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (63259) **11.00** Killer Tomatoes (90766) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (81495) **12.00** Pee-Wee (47211) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School *(70037) 1.00 Doug (20018) 1.30 Alvin and* the Chipmunks (79308) **2.00** Denver (8704) **2.30** Smoggies (3330) **3.00** Nick Faves (8259) **3.30** Dungeons and Dragons (9747) **4.00** Grimmy (1582) **4.30** Rugrats (7766) **5.00** Clarissa (1476) **5.30** Rocko (8018) **6.00** Doug (8259) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (2211)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Deep Probe (2815360) 5.00 Done Bali (9531114) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2184582) **7.00** Australia Wild (8181673) **7.30** Fork in the Road (7817940) **8.00** Time Travellers (2866281) **8.30** World of Adventures (3131178) **9.00** Special Forces (2544872) **9.30** Those Who Dare (2196327) **10.00** Chrome Dreams (9989921) **11.00** Ambulance! (2623389) **11.30-12.00** Life in the Wild

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt *(1938) (9715595) 1.30 Donny and Marie* (2162360) **2.00** thirtysomething (4802679) **3.00** My Three Sons (9636768) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7902018) **4.00** FILM: The Young Racers (1963) (7789178) **5.30** Drama *Classics* (7901389) *6.00 Death Valley Days* (7924230) **6.30** I Spy (2089018) **7.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (7911786) **8.00** thirtysomething (9993124) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (2648886) **9.30** FILM: Zorro, the Gay Blade *(1981) (5757840)* **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (4890834)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2851360) **7.00** Gladrags (2861698) **8.00** The Treatment (7076834) **8.30** Women Mean Business (7075105) **9.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course 3 (4290105) **9.35** Now You See It (7584785) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4037834) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7095969) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3906327) **12.00** Bon Voyage (9740281) **12.35pm** Kilroy (2646940) **1.30** Room for Change (4729476) **2.00** Agony Hour (4038563) **3.00** Gladrags (7989834) **4.00** Infatuation (5095853) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10219495) **4.55** Masterchef (2975834) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5082389) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (5005230) *6.30 Mr and Mrs (5096582) 7.00* Gladrags (8609485) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8769655) **9.00** FILM: Jealousy (5519132) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7909698) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK

FAMILY CHANNEL
6.00pm Danger Mouse (5834) **5.30** Where I Live (5940) **6.00** African Skies (202124) **6.25** All Clued Up (892747) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit — The Sequel (5898) **7.30** My Two Dads (9389) **8.00** Snowy River (78698) **9.00** Moonlighting (58834) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (91056) **10.30** GP (77476) **11.00** Lou Grant (65766) **12.00** Rhoda (48457) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (10186) **1.00** Danger Mouse (44952) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit — The Sequel (44815) **2.00** Moonlighting (52506) **3.00** Lou Grant (16341) **4.00** Rhoda (16419) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (99677)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (71815) 6.30 The Grind (21834) **7.00** Wildside (57360) **8.00** VJ Ingo (891853) **11.00** Soul (86259) **12.00** Blues Unplugged (92785) **12.30pm** Unplugged with Don Henley (18211) **1.00** The Afternoon Mix (33679) **3.00** Sports (2747) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8635495) **3.45** Cinematic (8623650) **4.00** News (4398495) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4398018) **4.30** Dial MTV (5178) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (73650) **7.00** Blues Unplugged (7056) **7.30** Unplugged with Don Henley (1747) **8.00** Real World 2 (3476) **8.30** Real World 2 (5211) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (25476) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (29637) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (869698) **10.15** Cinematic (877853) **10.30** News (590495) **10.45** 3 from 1 (588650) **11.00** The End? (11105) **1.00am** Soul (90525) **2.00** The Grind (29525) **2.30** Videos

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4681327) **9.00** Café VH-1 (9002389) **12.00** The Bridge (2596143) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4613679) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7526476) **3.30** Into the Music (4109563) **6.00** Prime Cuts (8541360) **7.00** VH-1 for *You (4908501) 8.00 Rock (4996037) 10.00* The Bridge (9189259) **11.30** Top Five (8818230) **12.00** The Nightfly (2926506) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (5178761) **3.00** Rock (8665032) **3.30** Ten of the Best (4579235) *5.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol (7652099)*

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Australia make impressive start to quest for record victory score

Declaration leaves Hick in distress

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

MICHAEL ATHERTON was never likely to compromise the pursuit of the Ashes for the pride of the individual, and the penultimate day of the third Test match proclaimed his single-mindedness, as he declared England's second innings with Graeme Hick on 98 not out. If he found sleep elusive last night it would not have been on Hick's account but, nevertheless, he may have wished he had shown more compassion.

There was a steely lack of sentiment in Atherton's act but it was justified on cricketing grounds. England led by 448, 42 more than had ever been scored to win a Test match, the weather forecast was uncertain and the impending tea interval offered two bursts with the new ball.

The theory was flawless, the execution faulty. In 38 overs before the close, on a pitch playing serenely true, Australia amassed 139 without loss, 23 more than their all-out total in the first innings. It was batting of impressive certainty by Mark Taylor and Michael Slater, and an extraordinary game entered its last act with all results plausible.

That Hick was denied a third Test century was regrettable, for he needs all possible encouragement to fulfil his potential. It was perhaps cussed of Atherton to call his batsmen in after Hick had made no attempt to score off the last three balls of an over. Almost certainly, Hick was distressed on returning to the dressing-room.

All of this must be conjecture, however, for Hick declined to be interviewed afterwards and Atherton left the matter in the hands of his team manager, Keith Fletcher. Without looking comfortable with the task, Fletcher explained that Hick had been told at a drinks break, 20 minutes earlier, that the declaration was due "very soon". He conceded that no message had been conveyed to Hick that he was facing the final over but, with correct emphasis, added: "Michael has to put the team first. The game has to come before the individual."

The greatest shame of this unusual incident was that Atherton was booed by a small section of the crowd when he led England out to field. This not only revealed that the priorities had escaped those concerned but did a cruel disservice to the man who had kept England in the game on the first day and led them with élan thereafter.

Much worse behaviour followed in the final session, as the self-styled "Barmy Army" of England followers showed that their noisy antics are not exclusively harmless. Some beery clashes with Australian supporters on what used to be the Hill led to a line of police and stewards separating the rival groups.

What a pity, on a day when the crowd of 22,812 lifted the match attendance above 100,000 and was the highest fourth-day crowd on this ground for ten years. Test cricket is thriving again in this country, but the kind of warlike behaviour that so damagingly infected football some years ago should be discouraged.

Cricket's timeless capacity to defy expectation has been proudly on show here and the third and fourth days were in stark contrast. On Tuesday, in dank and bowler-friendly conditions, 11 wickets fell for 202. Yesterday, as the sun broke through after some wild and wet overnight weather, only one wicket fell all day and 304 runs were scored, six fewer than Australia were left requiring on the final day.

England, resuming with a lead of 283, were cautious in adding only 84 during the morning session but there were mitigating circumstances. Australia were as blatant and unchecked in their time wasting as England had been in parallel circumstances last week in Melbourne.

Atherton became the first player in the series to aggregate 300 runs and added 67 to his first-innings 88 before steering Fleming to first slip. Hick, whose innings was far from unblemished, had his greatest escape on 54, when he played a ball from Tim May firmly into the base of leg stump, disturbing but not dislodging the bail.

Australia, however, had little interest in taking wickets and even Shane Warne, finding the pitch was not to his liking, bowled little but regulation leg breaks. Hick's most forthright strokes were played when Craig McDermott dropped short, as he did too often for the Australians' comfort, and soon after lunch he hooked him successively for six and four. Hick was not slow by normal standards, facing 166 balls in all, but he lingered in the nineties as Graham Thorpe took the majority of the strike. When Atherton lost patience, it was some while before Hick realised the development and he left the field with his head incongruously low.

With the platform for attack, Atherton set four slips for both his new-ball bowlers. But the help from the surface that pertained a day earlier had gone and, once the ball had lost its hardness, the batsmen began to work it unerringly into gaps. Tufnell was quickly employed from over the wicket, preying on Slater's impetuosity. Instead, it brought out some of his most spectacular strokes and, with the seam bowlers all pitching too short, Australia's progress was ominously smooth.

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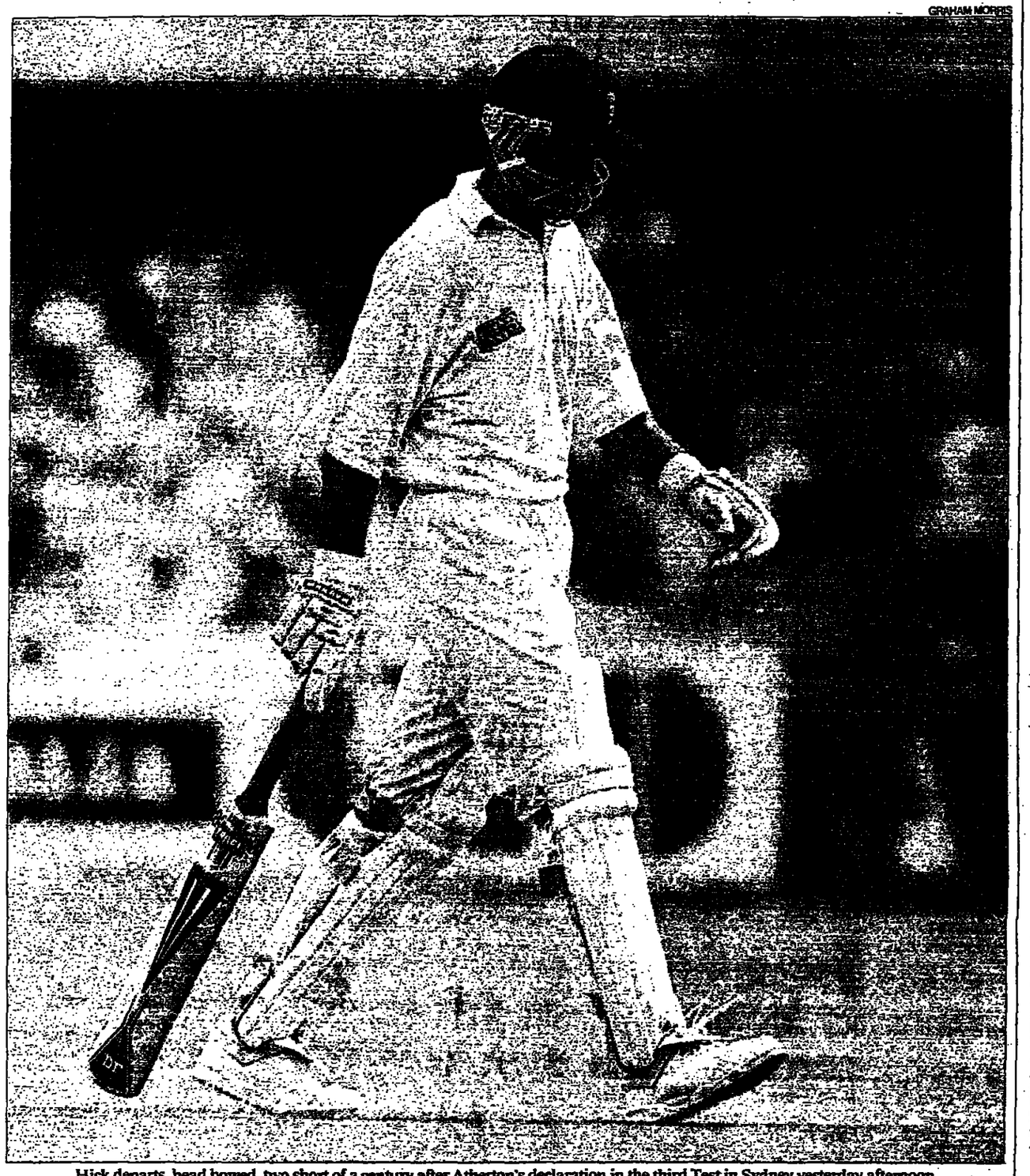
GRAHAM MORRIS



Hick departs, head bowed, two short of a century after Atherton's declaration in the third Test in Sydney yesterday afternoon

Atherton makes team priority

Time and the approach of the tea interval conspired to deny Hick the chance of a century

FOUR years ago almost to the day, Michael Atherton, the England captain, scored his first and only century against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground but yesterday it was his wave from the balcony that stopped Graeme Hick two runs short of a cherished ambition.

Hick gave every sign of surprise at the termination of his innings and avoided commenting on his captain's decision. "He was aware of the situation," was all Atherton would say on the matter.

Atherton was apparently aiming to declare at around 3pm with an overall lead of 450. In the event, he called a halt at 2.57pm, when England were 448 ahead. Keith Fletcher, the team manager, attempted to explain: "The declaration was going to come around that sort of time. Graeme was told during the drinks interval [at 2.40pm] that the declaration was coming soon. It's the captain's decision taken in the context of the game. An Ashes century is special but the game has to come before the individual."

An added complication for Atherton was the fact he wanted to have a few overs bowling at Australia before tea. In order to do that, his declaration had to come by 3.09pm at the latest — otherwise, under the laws of cricket, the interval would have been brought forward from 3.40pm to immediately after the innings closure.

An element of doubt may have been put in Atherton's mind, however, by the third umpire, Bill Cameron, who wrongly informed England that they needed to declare by 2.59pm in order to bowl before tea. "The third umpire got it wrong but we knew he'd got it wrong," Fletcher said.

History not on captain's side

Simon Wilde finds few precedents of Test batsmen left stranded in the 90s

Cricket is a team game. Eleven individuals with one purpose, and all that. Only on Tuesday, Darren Gough reminded us of this when he said he would rather take no wickets for 100 than six for 50 if it meant England won, which is easy to say, of course, when you have just done the latter rather than the former.

But declaring when one of your batsmen is only two runs from his first hundred against Australia? Michael Atherton's decision may have badly damaged the self-esteem of Graeme Hick, who has scored just two Test centuries amid his 79 in first-class cricket.

Only three other captains, in the previous 1,280 Test matches, have closed an innings with a batsman in the nineties.

Two of those instances hardly bear comparison with the present case. When Imran Khan closed the Pakistan innings against Sri Lanka at Sialkot in 1991, he was the batsmen in question. He was near the end of his career and had scored six Test hundreds before.

Nor could Everton Weekes have been desperate for a three-figure score when Jeffrey Stollmeyer, the West Indies captain, declared with him on 90 against England at Kingston in 1954. Weekes already had nine Test centuries to his credit.

Atherton's only rival in the insensitivity stakes is Bill Lawry, who was roundly condemned for declaring with nine first-innings wickets down against England at Melbourne in 1971 when Rod Marsh was only eight runs from becoming the first Australian wicketkeeper to score a Test hundred. Marsh scored the first of his three Test centuries two years later.

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SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings 309 (M A Atherton 88, J P Crawley 72, D Gough 51, C J McDermott 5 for 101).

Second Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Fleming	29
(61min, 37 balls, 4 fours)	
*M A Atherton c Taylor b Fleming	67
(220min, 165 balls, 5 fours)	
G A Hick not out	98
(255min, 166 balls, 1 six, 10 fours)	
G P Thorpe not out	47
(97min, 71 balls, 4 fours)	
Extras (b 6, w 1, nb 7)	14
Total (2 dec, 72 overs, 317min)	255

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54 (Atherton 20), 2-158 (Hick 51)

BOWLING: McDermott 24-2-78-0 (nb 7, 3-1-8-0, 9-1-22-0, 7-0-20-0, 5-0-19-0), Fleming 20-3-66-2 (w 1; 2-0-8-0, 9-2-35-1, 7-1-18-1, 2-0-7-0), M E Waugh 2-1-4-0 (1-1-0-0, 1-0-4-0); Warne 16-2-48-0 (13-2-37-0, 2-0-8-0, 1-0-3-0); May 10-1-55-0 (one spell).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 116 (M A Taylor 49, D Gough 6 for 49).

Second Innings

*M A Taylor not out	64
(157min, 106 balls, 7 fours)	
M J Slater not out	65
(157min, 124 balls, 8 fours)	
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 2)	10
Total (0 wkt, 38 overs, 157min)	139

D C Boon, M E Waugh, M G Bevan, S R Waugh, I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, T B A May and D W Fleming to bat.

BOWLING: Malcolm 9-1-44-0 (4-0-34-0, 5-1-20-0); Gough 10-3-32-0 (3-0-25-0, 2-1-7-0), Fraser 7-1-26-0 (nb 1, 3-0-13-0, 4-1-13-0), Tufnell 10-1-20-0 (nb 1, 9-0-20-0, 1-1-0-0), Hick 2-0-9-0 (one spell).

Umpires: S A Buckner (West Indies) and D B Hair (Australia).

TV replay umpire: W A Cameron.

Match referees: J R Reid (New Zealand).

PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs.

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Compiled by Bill Frindall

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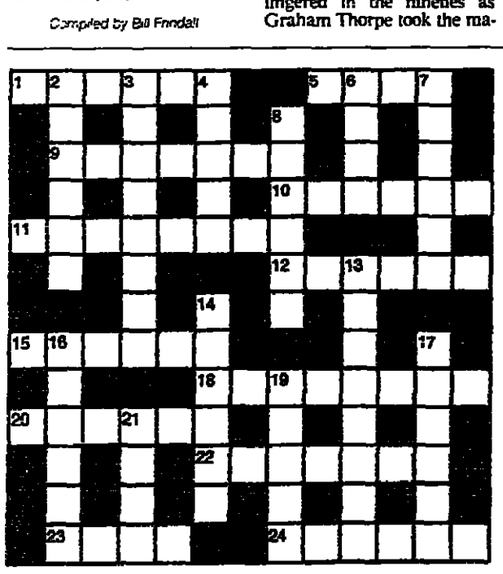

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Small job (to be sent on) (6)
5 Facetious remark (4)
9 Wretched, filthy state (7)
10 Without compare (6)
11 Cuts up: accommodation (8)
12 Ladies' leg coverings (6)
15 Allow (6)
18 Gathering (8)
20 Prey: building-material source (6)
22 Occasion when day and night are of same length (7)
23 Unit of length: spar (4)
24 Adequate: respectable (6)

DOWN

2 Mildly improper (6)
3 Fish exhibition building (8)
4 Dig deeply (5)
6 Tangerine/grapefruit/orange cross (4)
7 Card game with reduced pack (6)
8 (Loaf) having a hard outside (6)
13 Teutonic (5)
14 Remained (6)
16 Fairness: actors' union (6)
17 Loud horn (6)
19 Small group (on joint task) (5)
21 Back; bring up (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 360

ACROSS: 1 Hack 3 Cheerful 8 Noah 9 Catching 11 Silhouette 14 Minute 15 Nectar 17 Antifreeze 20 Economic 21 Beta 22 Treasure 23 Glut

DOWN: 1 Handsome 2 Crawling 4 Hoaxer 5 Ex cathedra 6 Flip 7 Logo 10 Portentous 12 Ethereal 13 Artefact 16 Vizier 18 Peat 19 Doze

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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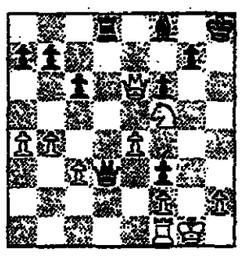

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WORD-MATCHING

By Philip Howard

POONTANG
a. A boat's mast
b. A large bucket
c. Sexual intercourse

ROLAG
a. Wool for spinning
b. A lazy dog
c. A tranquilliser

OUTCROSS
a. To reaffirm
b. To cross breed
c. To over-take

PAK-CHOI
a. A Chinese dragon
b. A vessel containing Saki
c. A species of cabbage

Answers on page 43